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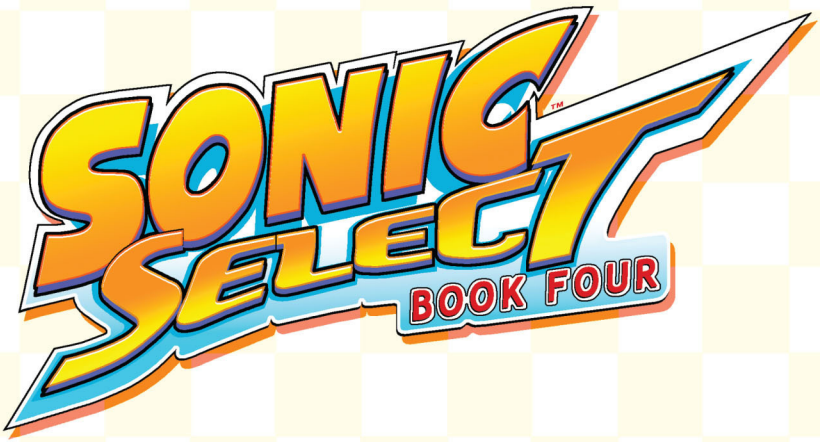

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THE NO ZONE: A PLACE 90 DEGREES FROM EVERYWHERE...
ZEEP
ZONIC, THE ZONE COP, REPORT IN!
HERE.
WANTED
THERE'S AN EMERGENCY ZONE BREACH IN PROGRESS!
DR. IVANA ROBOTINA...
...EVIL SORCERESS OF THE LUNA ZONE, HAS TRANSPORTED TO MOBIUS PRIME...
...AND IS ENGAGED IN HEATED CONFLICT WITH
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
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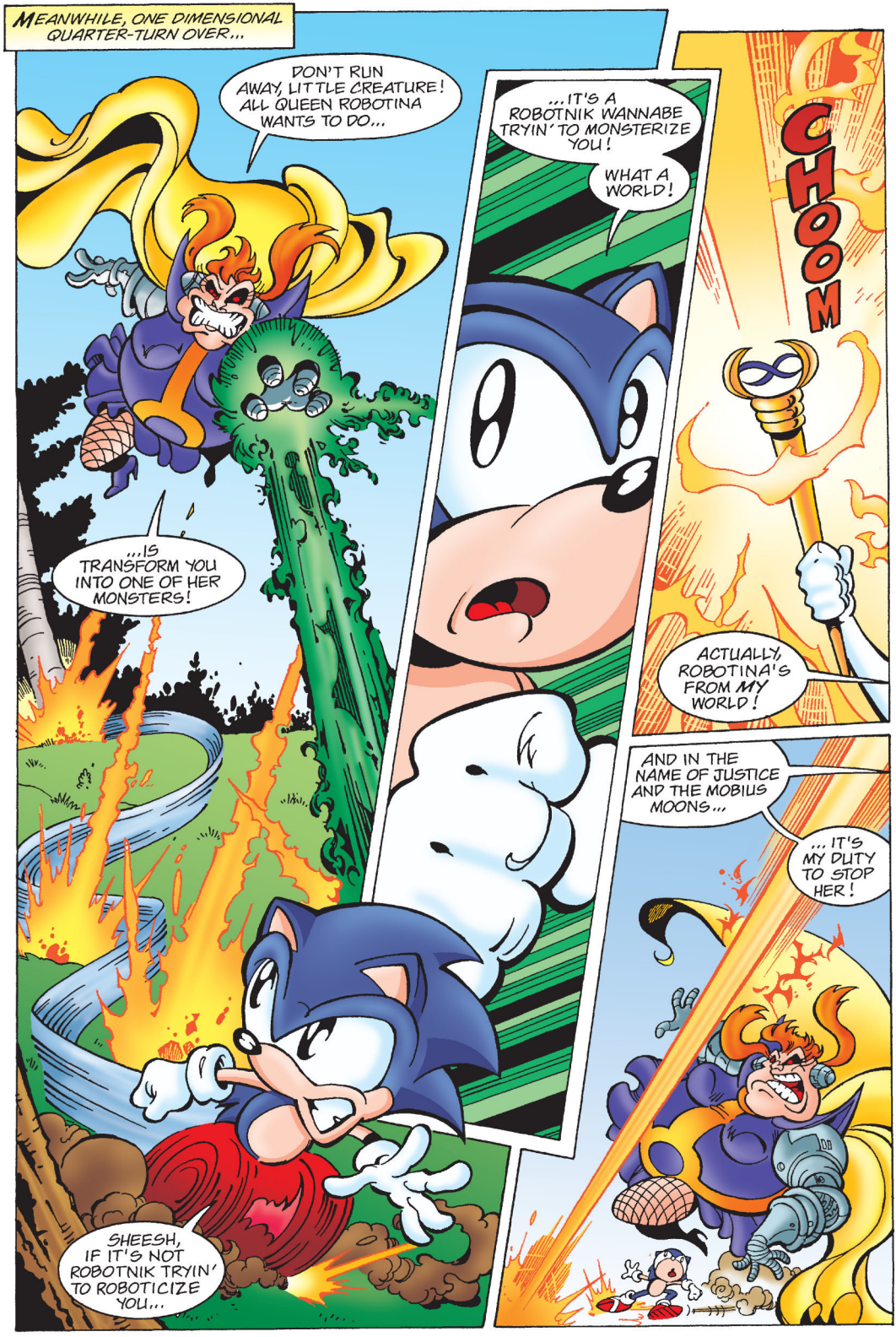
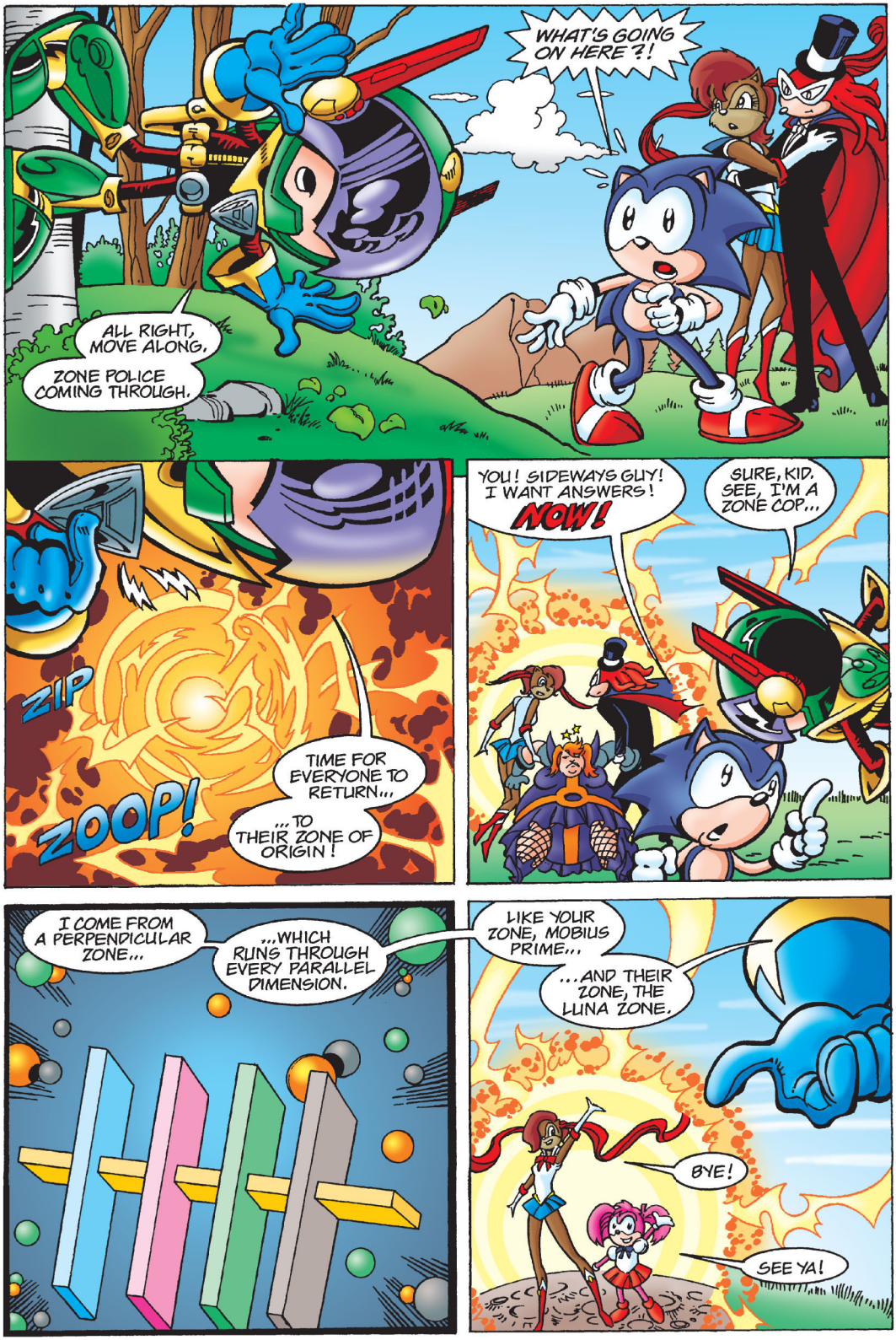
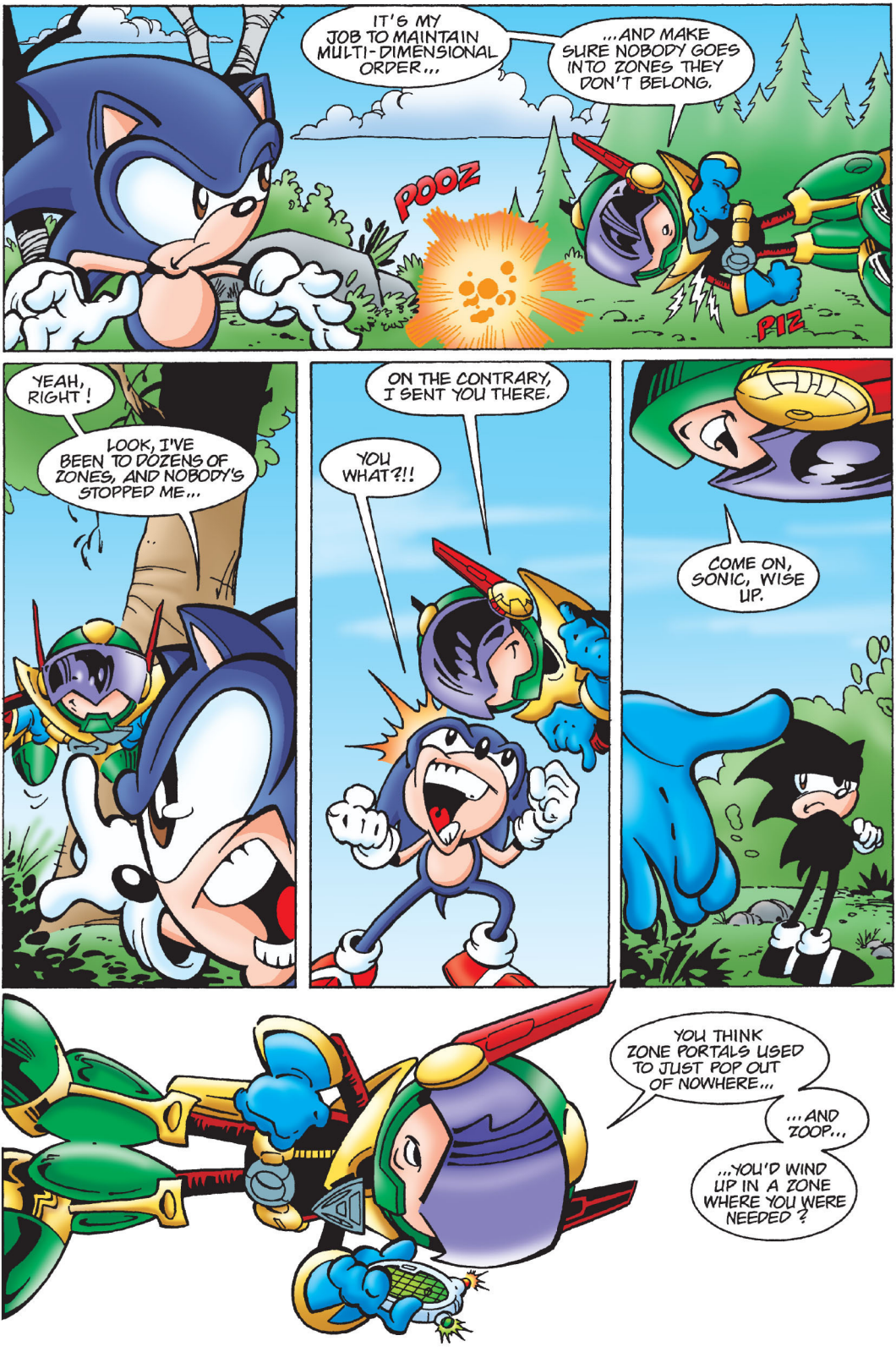
I'LL GET RIGHT ON IT...
...AS SOON AS I "ZONE UP" SOME REENFORCEMENTS!
ZOOP!


MEANWHILE, ONE DIMENSIONAL QUARTER-TURN OVER...
DON'T RUN AWAY, LITTLE CREATURE! ALL QUEEN ROBOTINA WANTS TO DO...
...IS TRANSFORM YOU INTO ONE OF HER MONSTERS!
SHEESH, IF IT'S NOT ROBOTNIK TRYIN' TO ROBOTICIZE YOU...
...IT'S A ROBOTNIK WANNABE TRYIN' TO MONSTERIZE YOU!
WHAT A WORLD!
CHOOM
ACTUALLY, ROBOTINA'S FROM MY WORLD!
AND IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE AND THE MOBIUS MOONS...
... IT'S MY DUTY TO STOP HER!

FOR I AM PRETTY SOLDIER SALLY MOON!
AND I'M CHIBI ROSE! HELLO!
WHAT THE?...
MEDDLESOME BRATS! FOLLOW ME TO THIS DIMENSION, WILL YOU?!
CHOOM!
WELL, THIS WILL PUT A STOP TO YOU...
...ONCE AND FOR--
THWIP
PBUT!
OUCH.

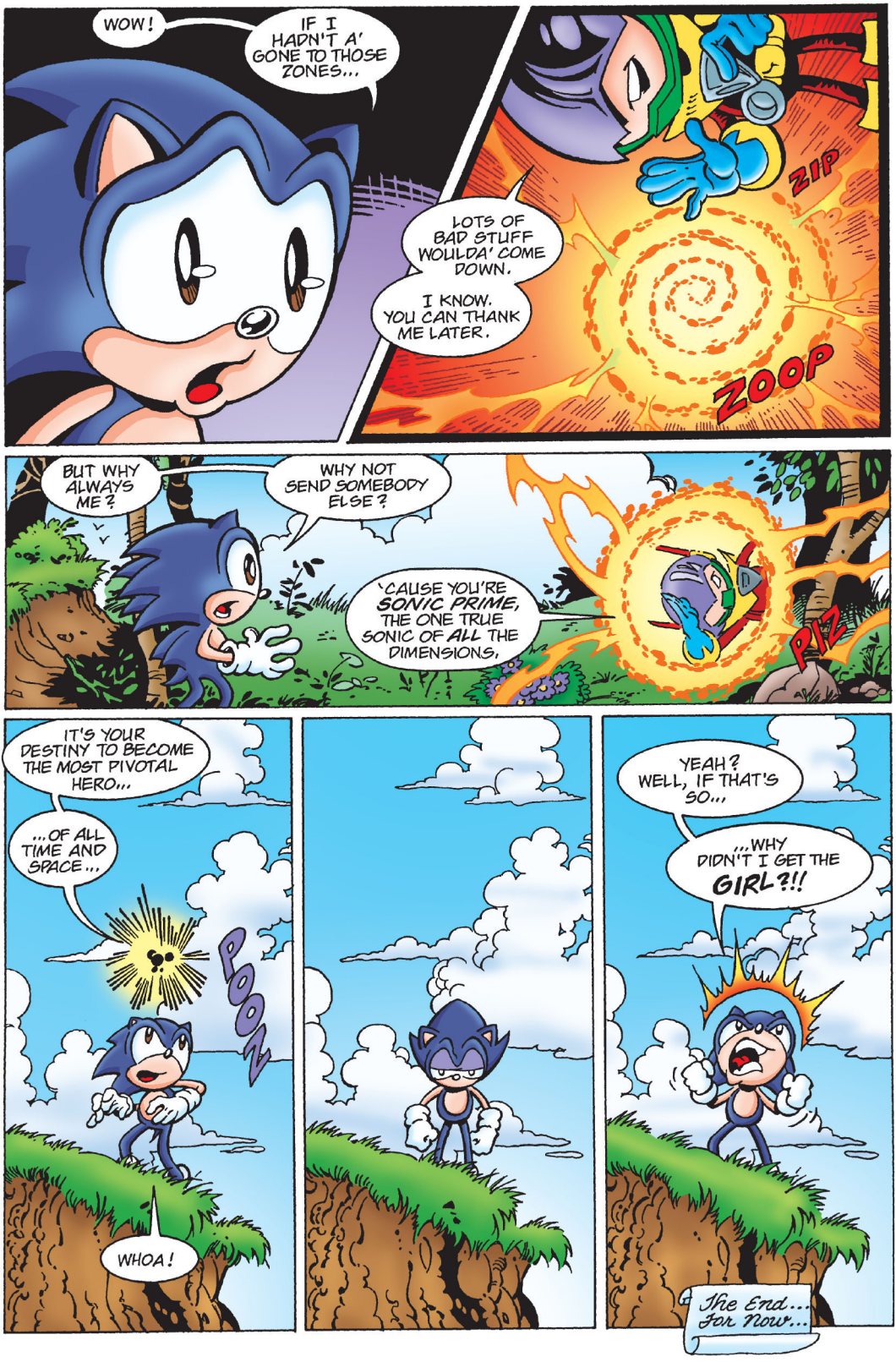
SALLY MOON, LOOK! IT'S TUXEDO KNUCKS! HE'S COME TO SAVE US!
FWUMP!
OH, WOW!
WHA--?
I TRUST YOU'RE OKAY NOW, PRINCESS?
NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE, TUXEDO KNUX.
WHAT?!


WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!
ALL RIGHT, MOVE ALONG.
ZONE POLICE COMING THROUGH.
ZIP
ZOOP!
TIME FOR EVERYONE TO RETURN...
...TO THEIR ZONE OF ORIGIN!
YOU! SIDEWAYS GUY! I WANT ANSWERS! NOW!
SURE, KID. SEE, I'M A ZONE COP...
I COME FROM A PERPENDICULAR ZONE...
...WHICH RUNS THROUGH EVERY PARALLEL DIMENSION.
LIKE YOUR ZONE, MOBIUS PRIME...
...AND THEIR ZONE, THE LUNA ZONE.
BYE!
SEE YA!

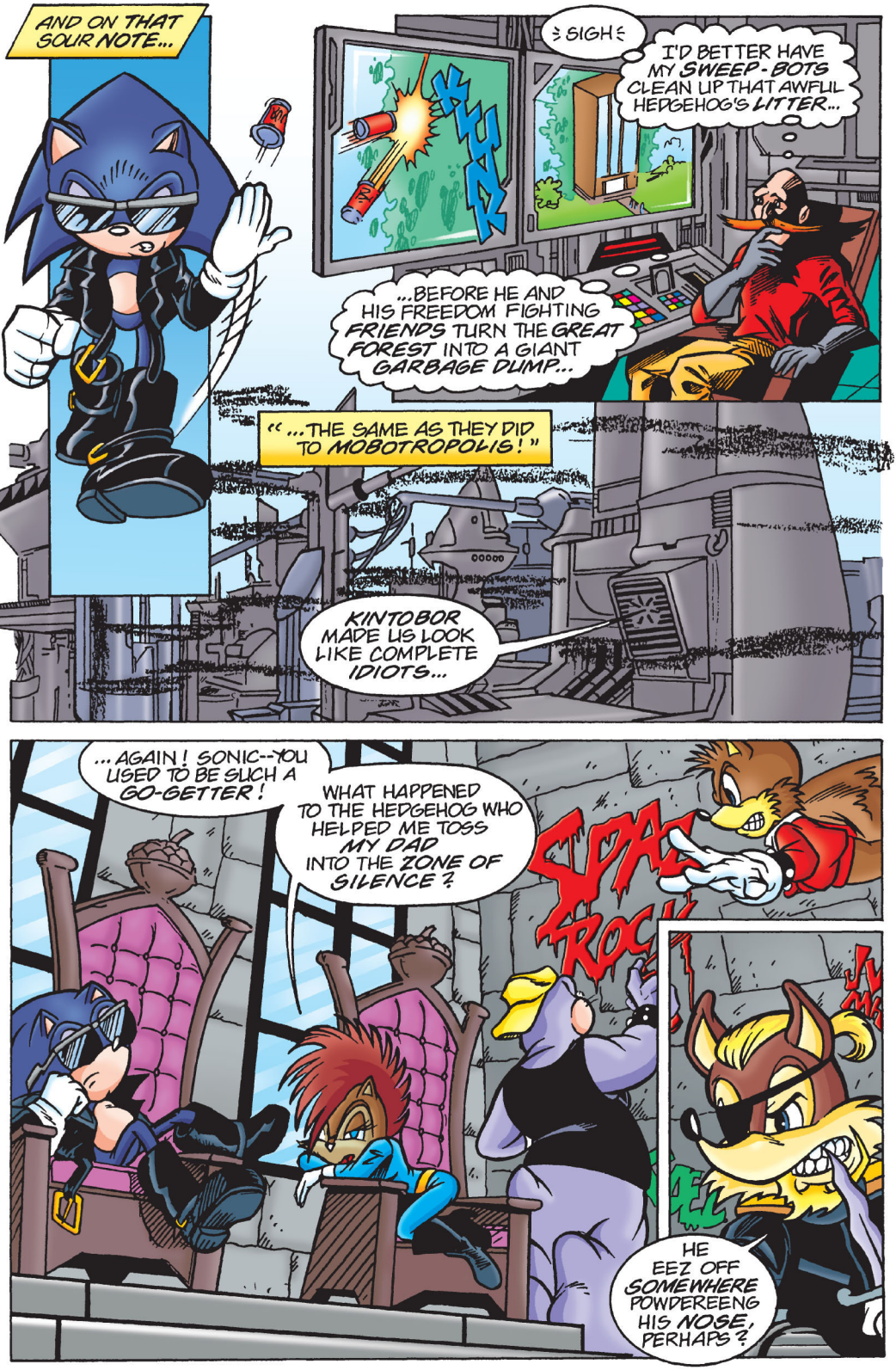

IT'S MY JOB TO MAINTAIN MULTI-DIMENSIONAL ORDER...
...AND MAKE SURE NOBODY GOES INTO ZONES THEY DON'T BELONG.
POOZ
PIZ
YEAH, RIGHT!
LOOK, I'VE BEEN TO DOZENS OF ZONES, AND NOBODY'S STOPPED ME...
ON THE CONTRARY, I SENT YOU THERE.
YOU WHAT?!!
COME ON, SONIC, WISE UP.
YOU THINK ZONE PORTALS USED TO JUST POP OUT OF NOWHERE...
...AND ZOOP...
...YOU'D WIND UP IN A ZONE WHERE YOU WERE NEEDED?

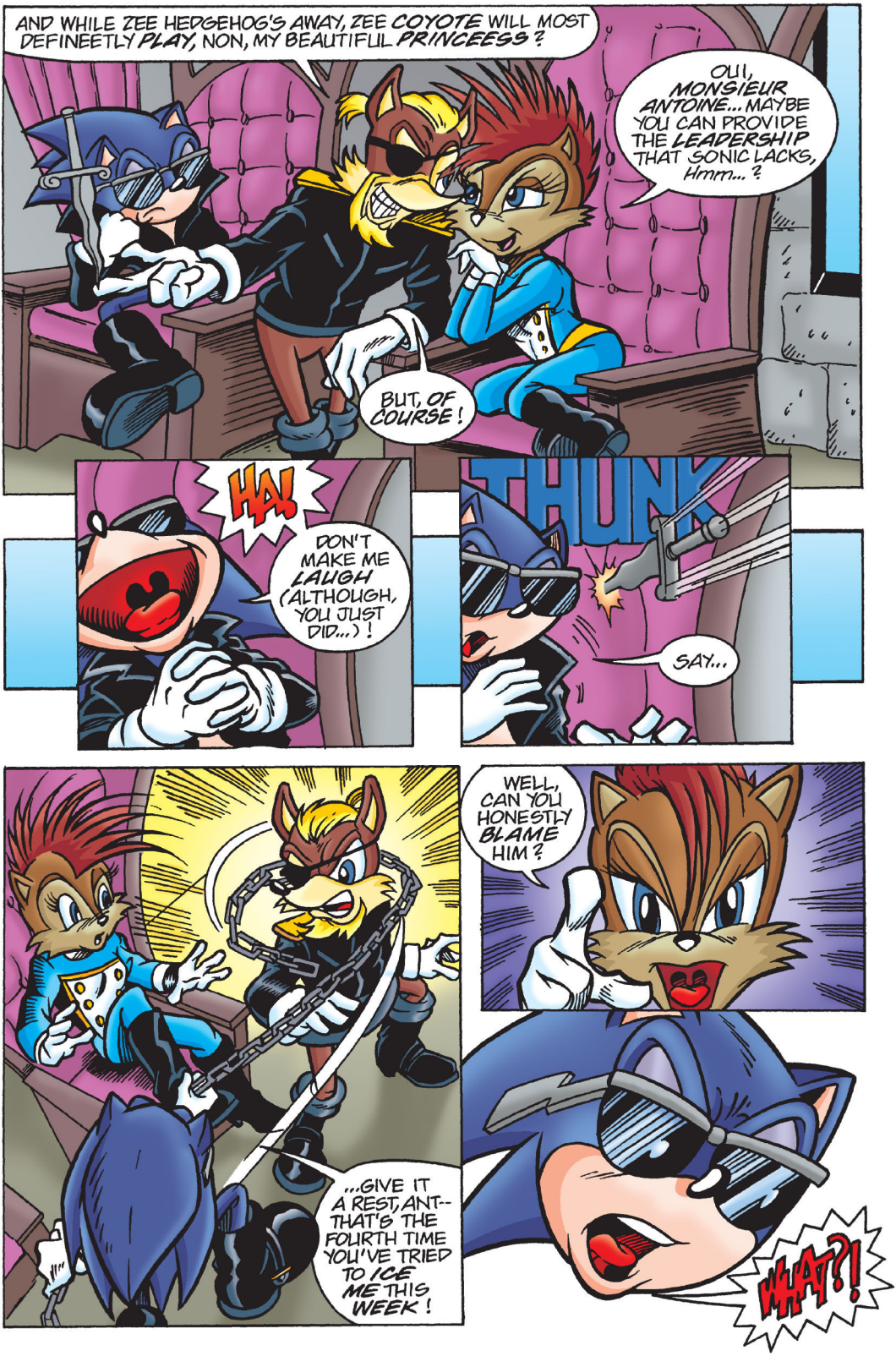
"LIKE THE FIRST TIME YOU WENT TO THE SPECIAL ZONE--
"--AND BECAME SUPER SONIC?*
"OR WHEN YOU CONFRONTED THE EVIL ZONE VERSION OF YOURSELF?*
"OR ENLISTED THE HELP OF YOUR COUNTERPARTS FROM THE COSMIC INTERSTATE?*
"OR ALL THE TIMES YOU'VE AIDED OTHERS ON PARALLEL WORLDS?*
"PRECISE DIMENSIONAL TRAVEL CAN'T BE CHALKED UP TO DUMB LUCK!
"(ESPECIALLY NOW, THAT THE ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR'S WEAKENED THE BARRIERS BETWEEN ZONES!)*

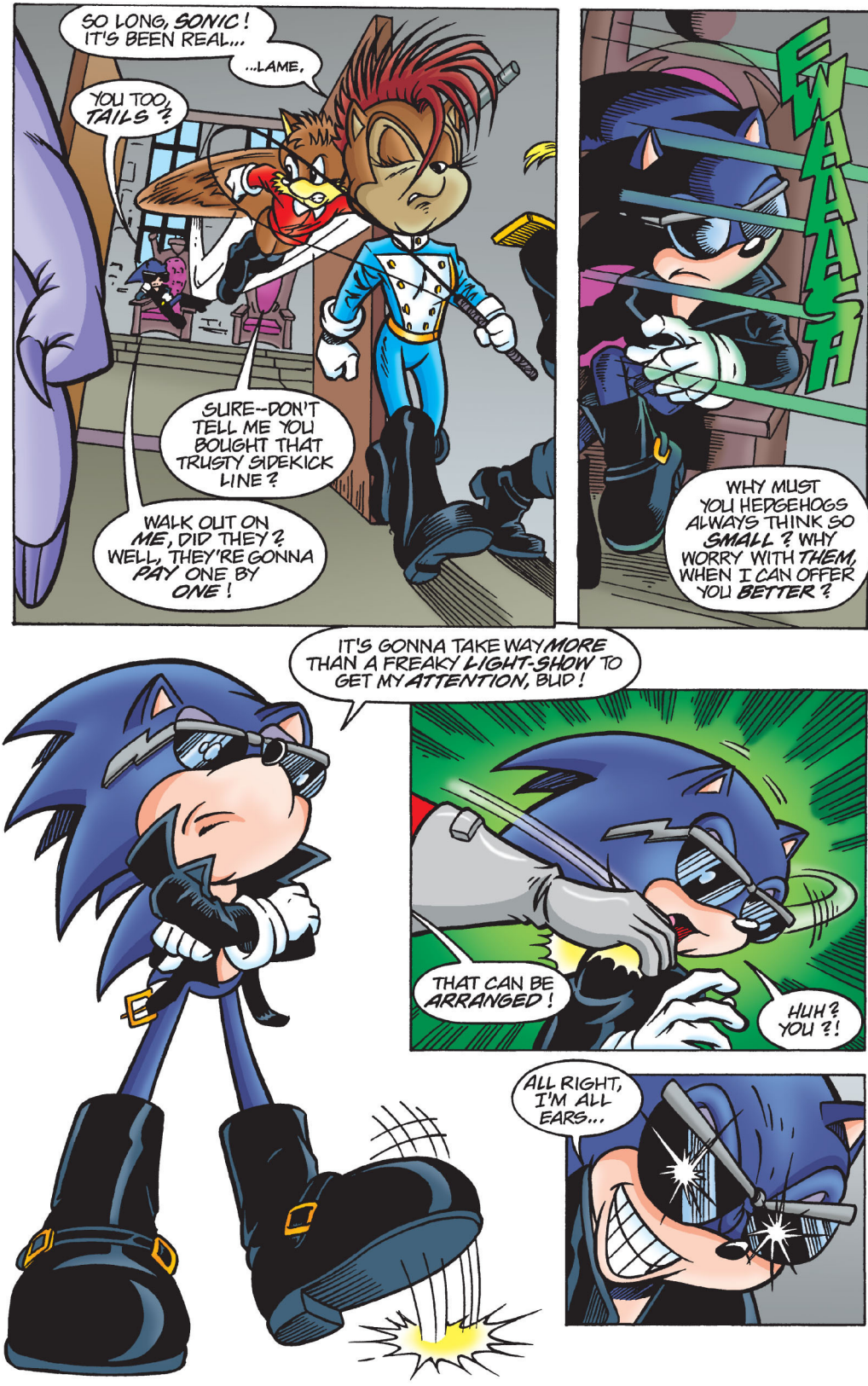
* SEE SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 1, 3, 5, AND 13


WOW!
IF I HADN'T A' GONE TO THOSE ZONES...
LOTS OF BAD STUFF WOULDA' COME DOWN.
I KNOW. YOU CAN THANK ME LATER.
ZIP
ZOOP
BUT WHY ALWAYS ME?
WHY NOT SEND SOMEBODY ELSE?
'CAUSE YOU'RE SONIC PRIME, THE ONE TRUE SONIC OF ALL THE DIMENSIONS.
PIZ
IT'S YOUR DESTINY TO BECOME THE MOST PIVOTAL HERO...
...OF ALL TIME AND SPACE...
POOM
WHOA!
YEAH? WELL, IF THAT'S SO...
...WHY DIDN'T I GET THE GIRL?!!
The End... For Now...

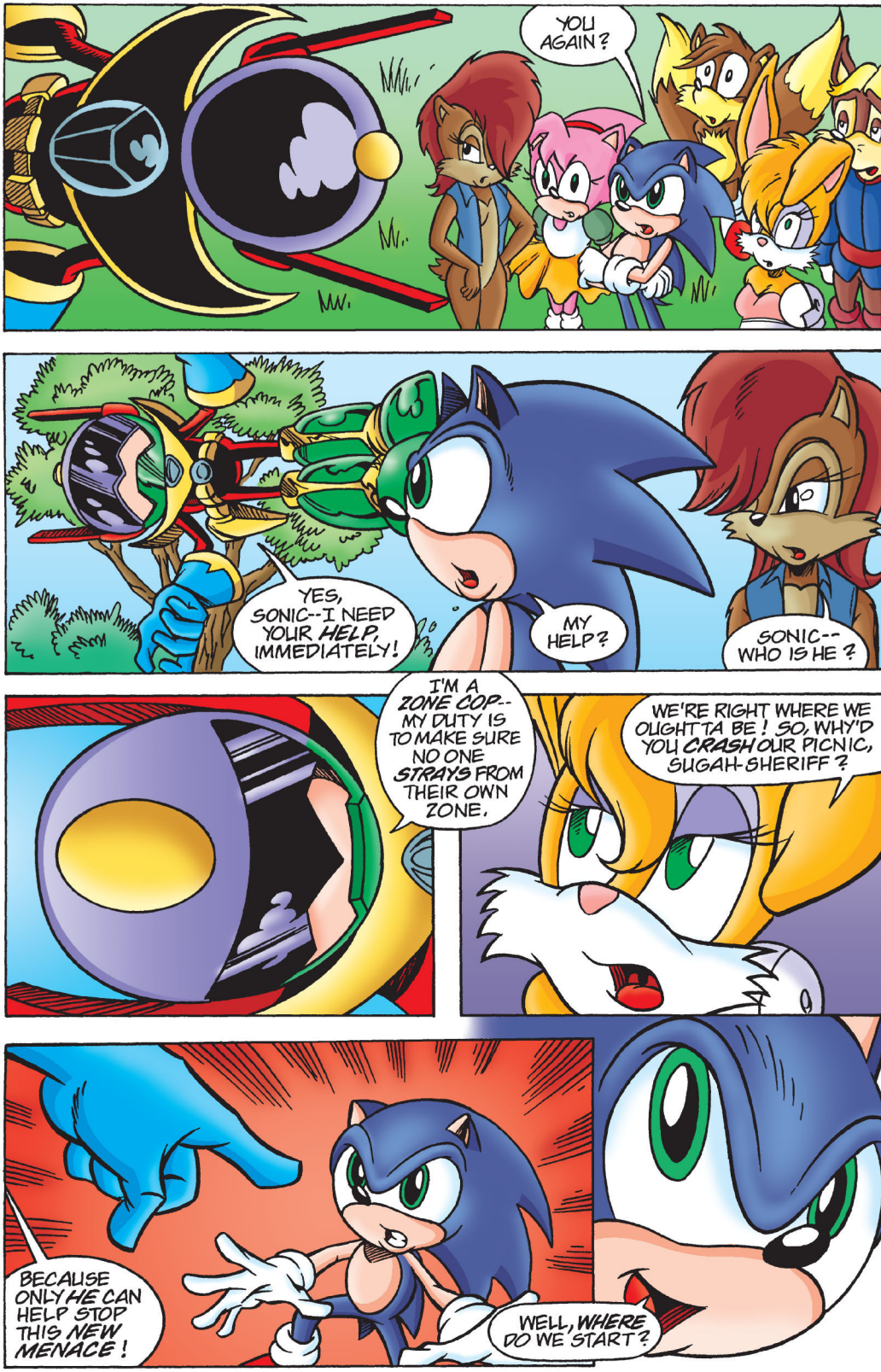
PLANET MOBIUS...
ZONE WARS: A TALE OF TWO HEDGEHOGS
THERE'S NO WAY TO GET THROUGH THAT FORCE-FIELD SURROUNDING DOCTOR KINTOBOR'S CLINIC! WHAT'S OUR BACK-UP PLAN, SONIC?
I DUNNO, SALLY... SO SHUT YOUR TRAP WHILE I THINK OF ONE!
VETERINARY


AND ON THAT SOUR NOTE...
KLNK
SIGH
I'D BETTER HAVE MY SWEEP-BOTS CLEAN UP THAT AWFUL HEDGEHOG'S LITTER...
...BEFORE HE AND HIS FREEDOM FIGHTING FRIENDS TURN THE GREAT FOREST INTO A GIANT GARBAGE DUMP...
"...THE SAME AS THEY DID TO MOBOTROPOLIS!"
KINTOBOR MADE US LOOK LIKE COMPLETE IDIOTS...
...AGAIN! SONIC--YOU USED TO BE SUCH A GO-GETTER!
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE HEDGEHOG WHO HELPED ME TOSS MY DAD INTO THE ZONE OF SILENCE?
SPA
ROC
HE EEZ OFF SOMEWHERE POWDEREENG HIS NOSE, PERHAPS?

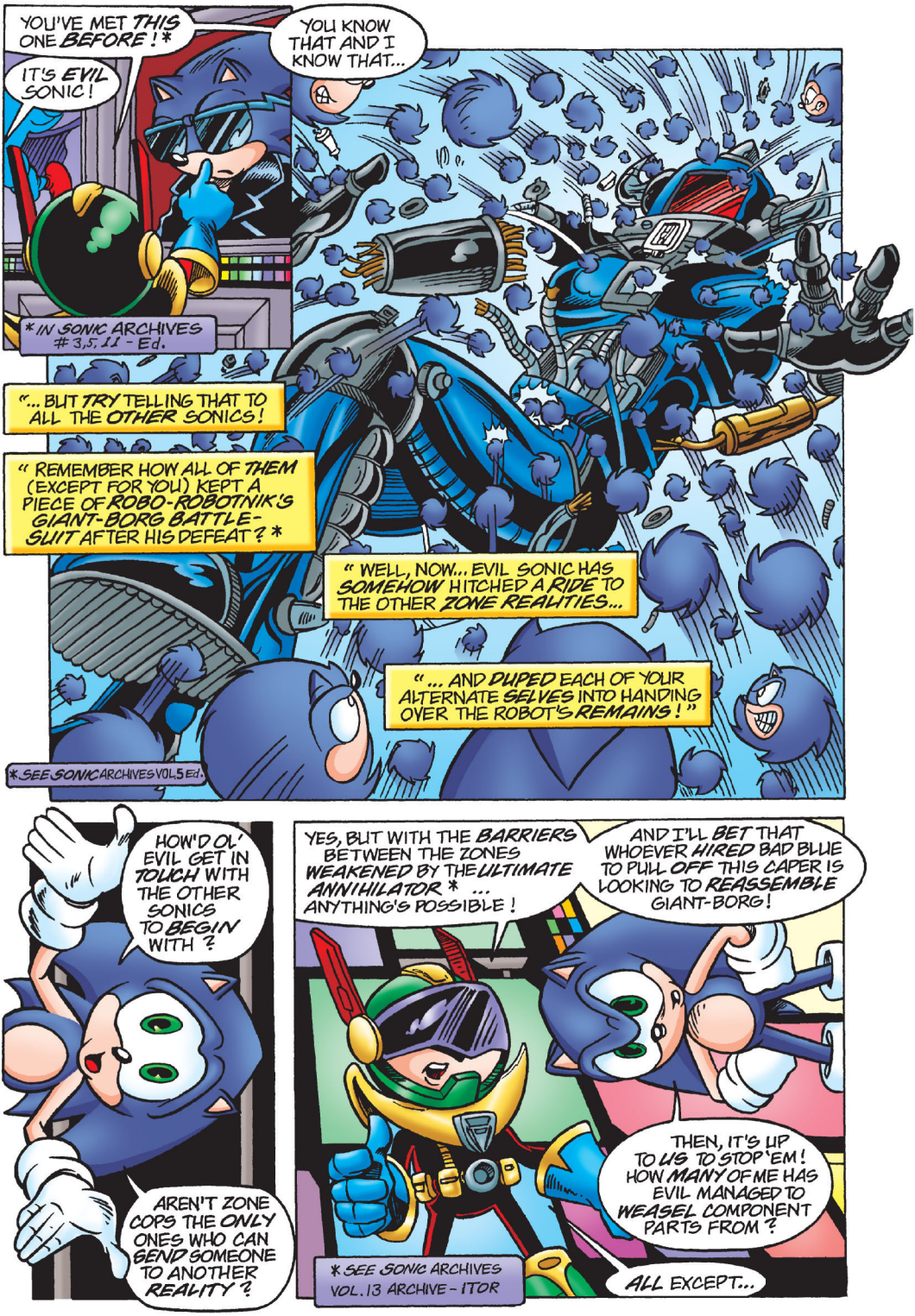

AND WHILE ZEE HEDGEHOG'S AWAY, ZEE COYOTE WILL MOST DEFINEETLY PLAY, NON, MY BEAUTIFUL PRINCEESS?
OUI, MONSIEUR ANTOINE... MAYBE YOU CAN PROVIDE THE LEADERSHIP THAT SONIC LACKS, Hmm... ?
BUT, OF COURSE!
HA!
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH (ALTHOUGH, YOU JUST DID...)!
THUNK
SAY...
...GIVE IT A REST, ANT-- THAT'S THE FOURTH TIME YOU'VE TRIED TO ICE ME THIS WEEK!
WELL, CAN YOU HONESTLY BLAME HIM?
WHAT?!

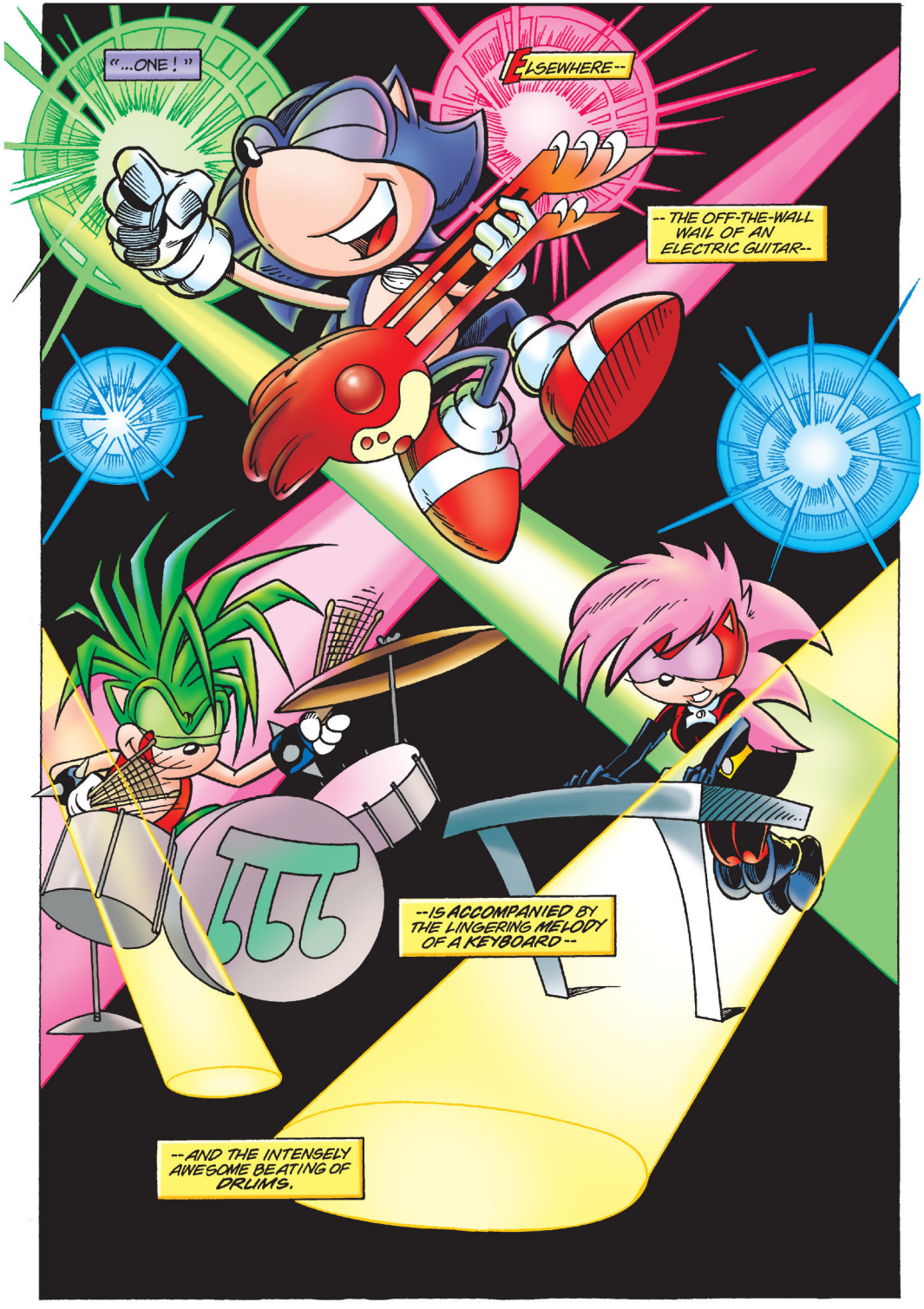

SO LONG, SONIC! IT'S BEEN REAL...
...LAME.
YOU TOO, TAILS?
SURE--DON'T TELL ME YOU BOUGHT THAT TRUSTY SIDEKICK LINE?
WALK OUT ON ME, DID THEY? WELL, THEY'RE GONNA PAY ONE BY ONE!
SWAAAH
WHY MUST YOU HEDGEHOGS ALWAYS THINK SO SMALL? WHY WORRY WITH THEM, WHEN I CAN OFFER YOU BETTER?
IT'S GONNA TAKE WAY MORE THAN A FREAKY LIGHT-SHOW TO GET MY ATTENTION, BUD!
THAT CAN BE ARRANGED!
HUH? YOU?!
ALL RIGHT, I'M ALL EARS...

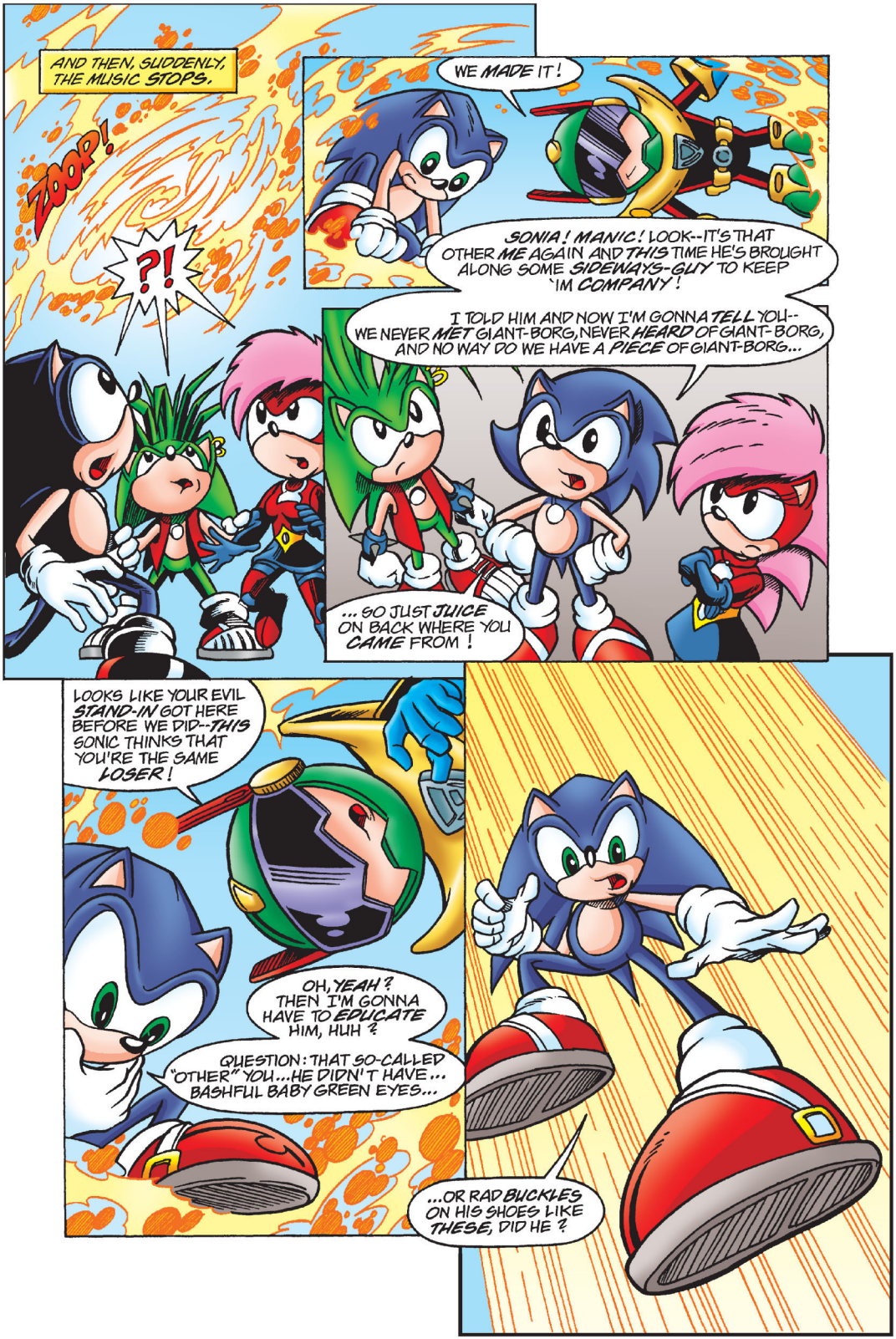
MEANWHILE, IN A ZONE* ONE-HUNDRED AND EIGHTY DEGREES AWAY...
...A SLIGHTLY DIFFERING BAND OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS ENJOY A RELAXING DAY OFF.
I'M SO GLAD WE'RE FINALLY ABLE TO SPEND SOME TIME TOGETHER, SONIC.
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, SAL...
*ANOTHER REALITY--Ed
...AND THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN WANTING TO ASK YOU.
YES, SONIC?
WHO MADE THOSE AWESOME CHILI-DOGS? YOU OR BUNNIE?
=Sigh= ANTOINE.
ZOOP!
WHAT THE--?!

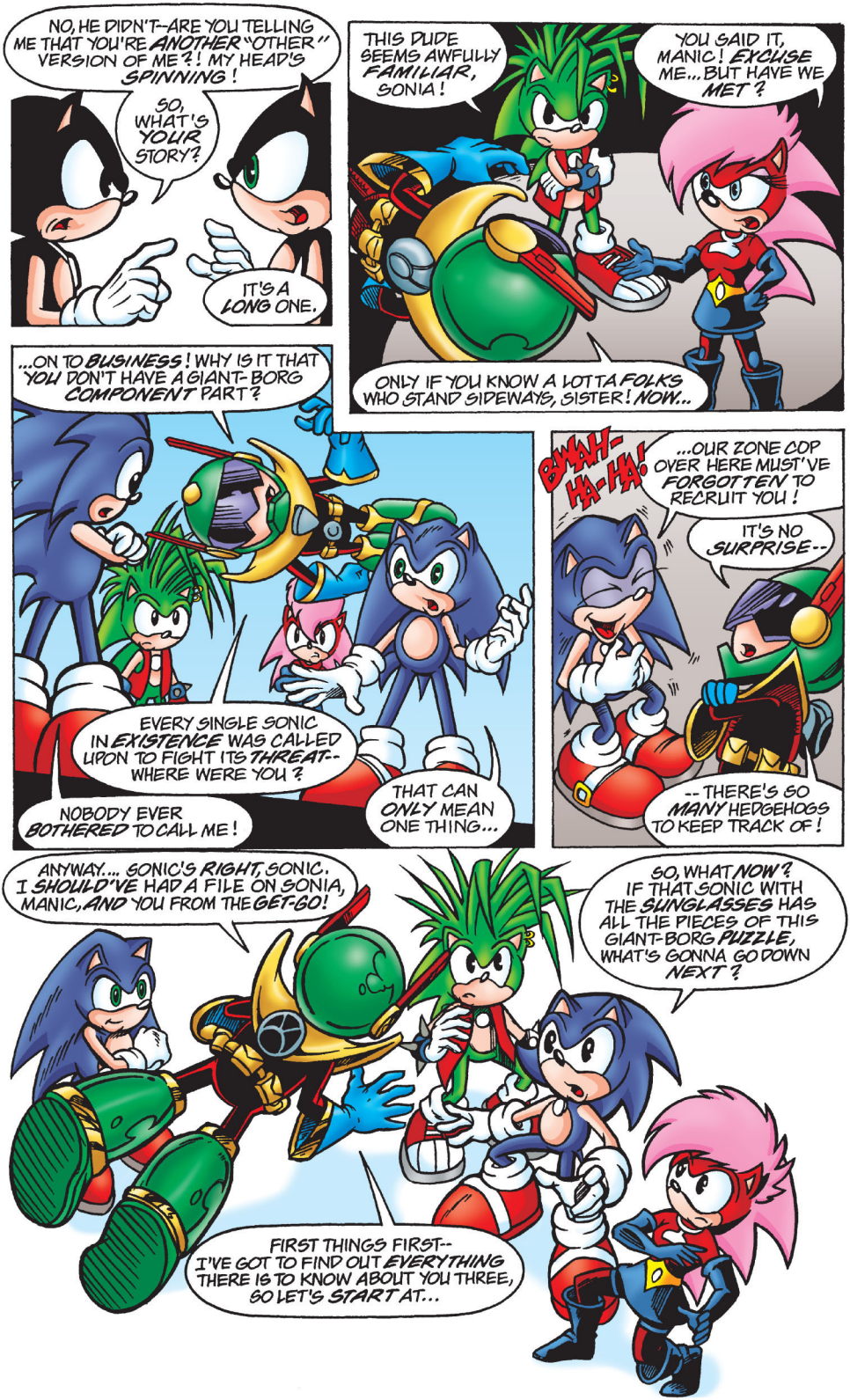

YOU AGAIN?
YES, SONIC--I NEED YOUR HELP, IMMEDIATELY!
MY HELP?
SONIC--WHO IS HE?
I'M A ZONE COP--MY DUTY IS TO MAKE SURE NO ONE STRAYS FROM THEIR OWN ZONE.
WE'RE RIGHT WHERE WE OUGHT'TA BE! SO, WHY'D YOU CRASH OUR PICNIC, SUGAH-SHERIFF?
BECAUSE ONLY HE CAN HELP STOP THIS NEW MENACE!
WELL, WHERE DO WE START?

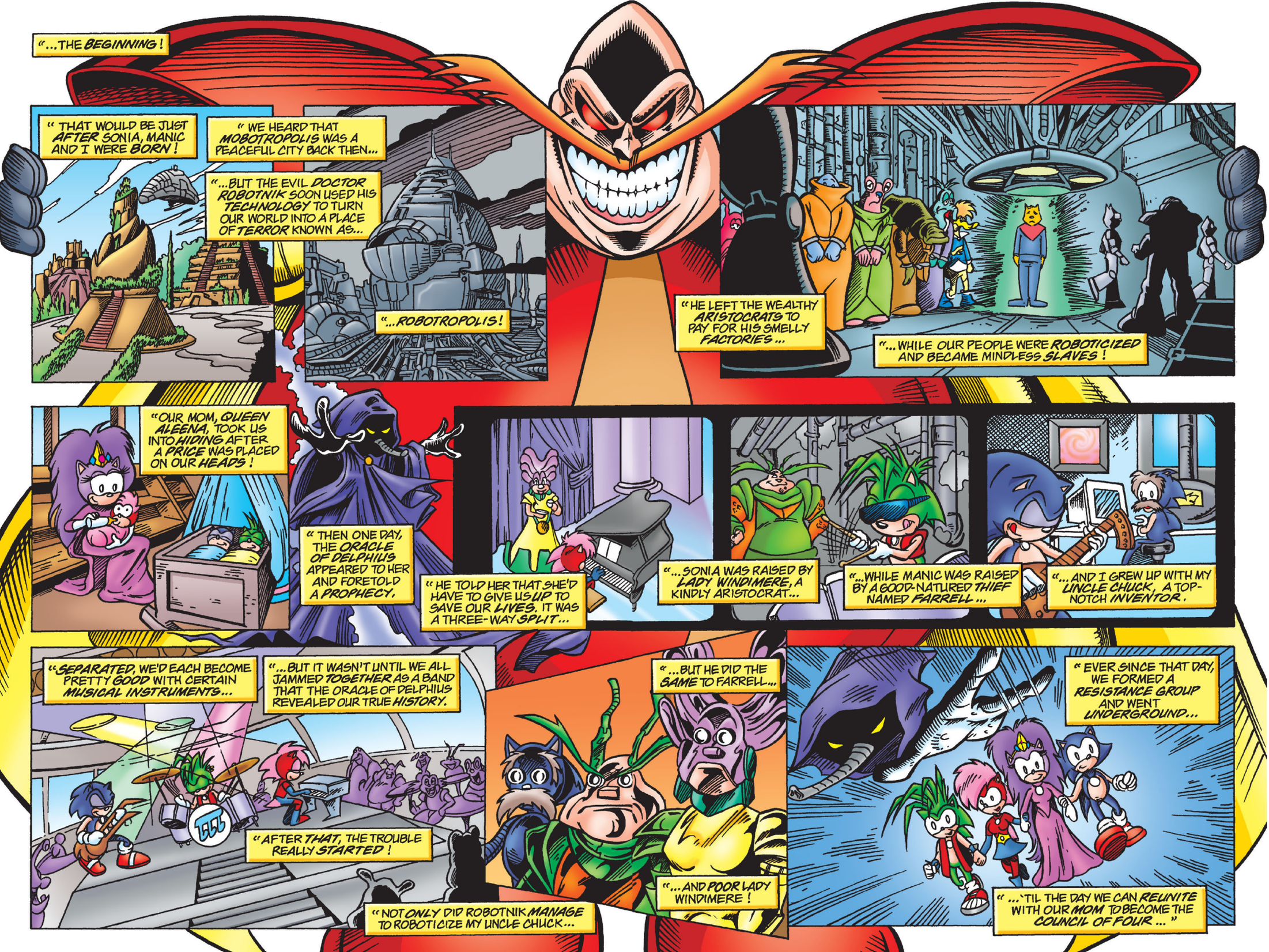
HOW ABOUT SOMEWHERE NINETY DEGREES FROM EVERYWHERE ELSE?
WELCOME TO THE NO ZONE...
...AND MY HEADQUARTERS.
YE-OW, DUDE-- THIS PLACE IS WAY PAST WEIRD! AND ON ALL THOSE MONITORS--!
YES, SONIC-- EACH SCREEN SHOWS AN ENTIRELY OTHER VERSION OF YOU IN ENTIRELY OTHER ZONES!
VALENTINO

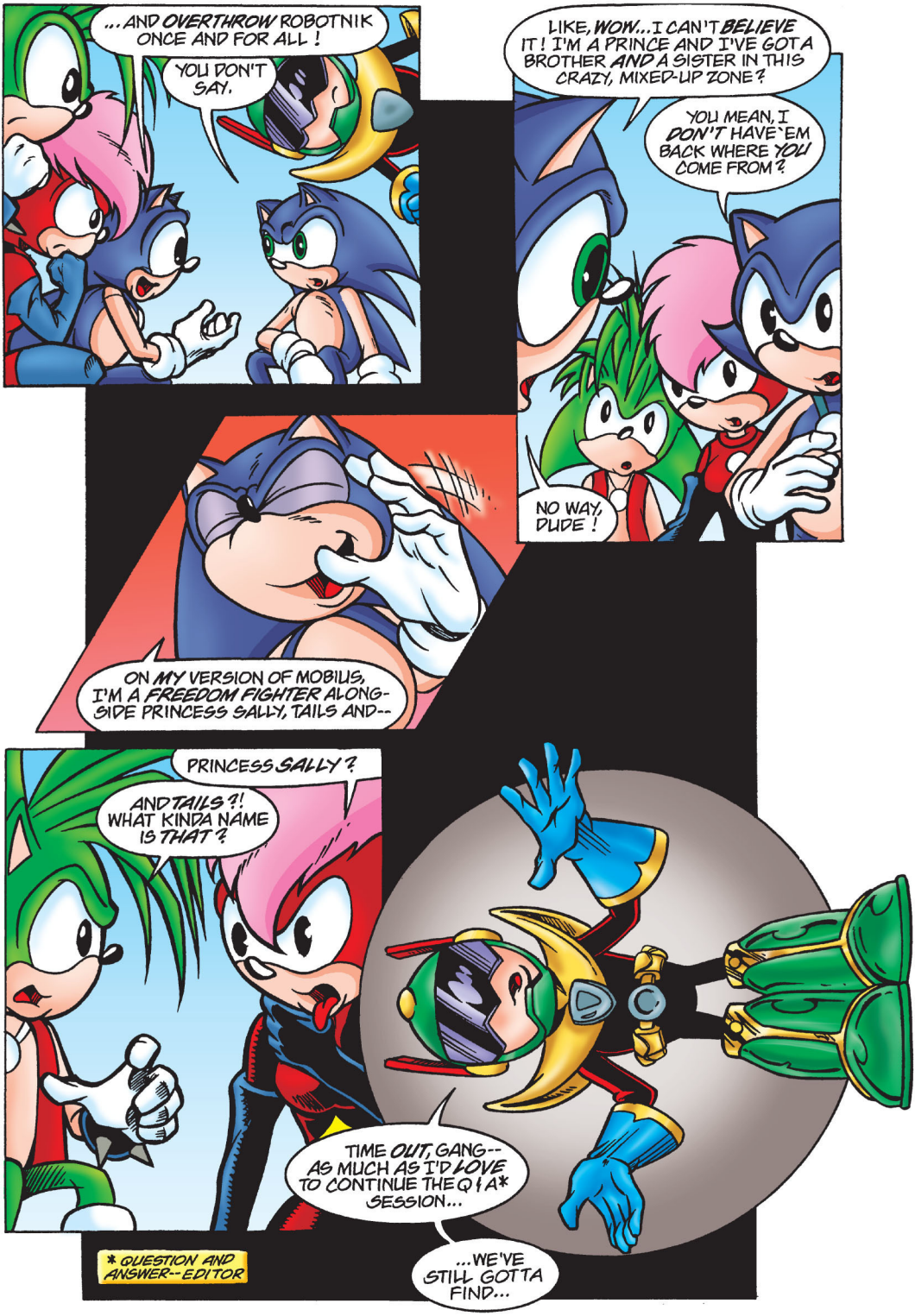

YOU'VE MET THIS ONE BEFORE!*
IT'S EVIL SONIC!
YOU KNOW THAT AND I KNOW THAT...
*IN SONIC ARCHIVES #3,5,11 - Ed.
"... BUT TRY TELLING THAT TO ALL THE OTHER SONICS!
" REMEMBER HOW ALL OF THEM (EXCEPT FOR YOU) KEPT A PIECE OF ROBO-ROBOTNIK'S GIANT-BORG BATTLE-SUIT AFTER HIS DEFEAT? *
" WELL, NOW... EVIL SONIC HAS SOMEHOW HITCHED A RIDE TO THE OTHER ZONE REALITIES...
"... AND DUPED EACH OF YOUR ALTERNATE SELVES INTO HANDING OVER THE ROBOT'S REMAINS!"
*SEE SONIC ARCHIVES VOL.5 Ed.
HOW'D OL' EVIL GET IN TOUCH WITH THE OTHER SONICS TO BEGIN WITH?
AREN'T ZONE COPS THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN SEND SOMEONE TO ANOTHER REALITY?
YES, BUT WITH THE BARRIERS BETWEEN THE ZONES WEAKENED BY THE ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR * ... ANYTHING'S POSSIBLE!
AND I'LL BET THAT WHOEVER HIRED BAD BLUE TO PULL OFF THIS CAPER IS LOOKING TO REASSEMBLE GIANT-BORG!
THEN, IT'S UP TO US TO STOP 'EM! HOW MANY OF ME HAS EVIL MANAGED TO WEASEL COMPONENT PARTS FROM?
ALL EXCEPT...
*SEE SONIC ARCHIVES VOL.13 ARCHIVE-ITOR


"...ONE!"
ELSEWHERE--
-- THE OFF-THE-WALL WAIL OF AN ELECTRIC GUITAR--
--IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE LINGERING MELODY OF A KEYBOARD--
--AND THE INTENSELY AWESOME BEATING OF DRUMS.

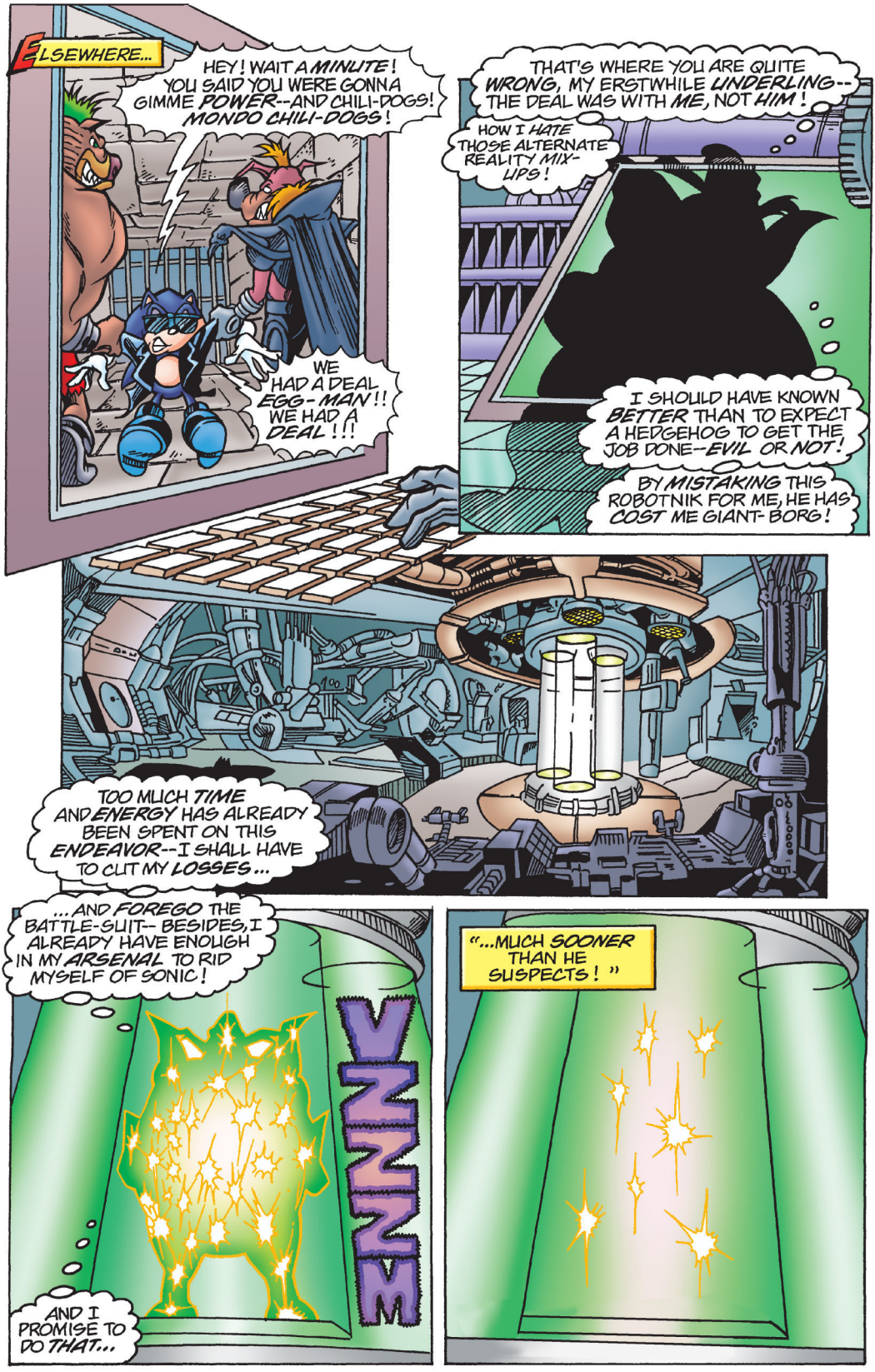

AND THEN, SUDDENLY, THE MUSIC STOPS.
ZOOP!
?!
WE MADE IT!
SONIA! MANIC! LOOK--IT'S THAT OTHER ME AGAIN AND THIS TIME HE'S BROUGHT ALONG SOME SIDEWAYS-GUY TO KEEP 'IM COMPANY!
I TOLD HIM AND NOW I'M GONNA TELL YOU-- WE NEVER MET GIANT-BORG, NEVER HEARD OF GIANT-BORG, AND NO WAY DO WE HAVE A PIECE OF GIANT-BORG...
...SO JUST JUICE ON BACK WHERE YOU CAME FROM!
LOOKS LIKE YOUR EVIL STAND-IN GOT HERE BEFORE WE DID--THIS SONIC THINKS THAT YOU'RE THE SAME LOSER!
OH, YEAH? THEN I'M GONNA HAVE TO EDUCATE HIM, HUH?
QUESTION: THAT SO-CALLED "OTHER" YOU...HE DIDN'T HAVE... BASHFUL BABY GREEN EYES...
...OR RAD BUCKLES ON HIS SHOES LIKE THESE, DID HE?


NO, HE DIDN'T--ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT YOU'RE ANOTHER "OTHER" VERSION OF ME?! MY HEAD'S SPINNING!
SO, WHAT'S YOUR STORY?
IT'S A LONG ONE.
THIS DUDE SEEMS AWFULLY FAMILIAR, SONIA!
YOU SAID IT, MANIC! EXCUSE ME... BUT HAVE WE MET?
ONLY IF YOU KNOW A LOTTA FOLKS WHO STAND SIDEWAYS, SISTER! NOW...
...ON TO BUSINESS! WHY IS IT THAT YOU DON'T HAVE A GIANT-BORG COMPONENT PART?
EVERY SINGLE SONIC IN EXISTENCE WAS CALLED UPON TO FIGHT ITS THREAT-- WHERE WERE YOU?
NOBODY EVER BOTHERED TO CALL ME!
THAT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING...
BWAH-HA-HA!
...OUR ZONE COP OVER HERE MUST'VE FORGOTTEN TO RECRUIT YOU!
IT'S NO SURPRISE--
-- THERE'S SO MANY HEDGEHOGS TO KEEP TRACK OF!
ANYWAY.... SONIC'S RIGHT, SONIC. I SHOULD'VE HAD A FILE ON SONIA, MANIC, AND YOU FROM THE GET-GO!
SO, WHAT NOW? IF THAT SONIC WITH THE SUNGLASSES HAS ALL THE PIECES OF THIS GIANT-BORG PUZZLE, WHAT'S GONNA GO DOWN NEXT?
FIRST THINGS FIRST-- I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT YOU THREE, SO LET'S START AT...

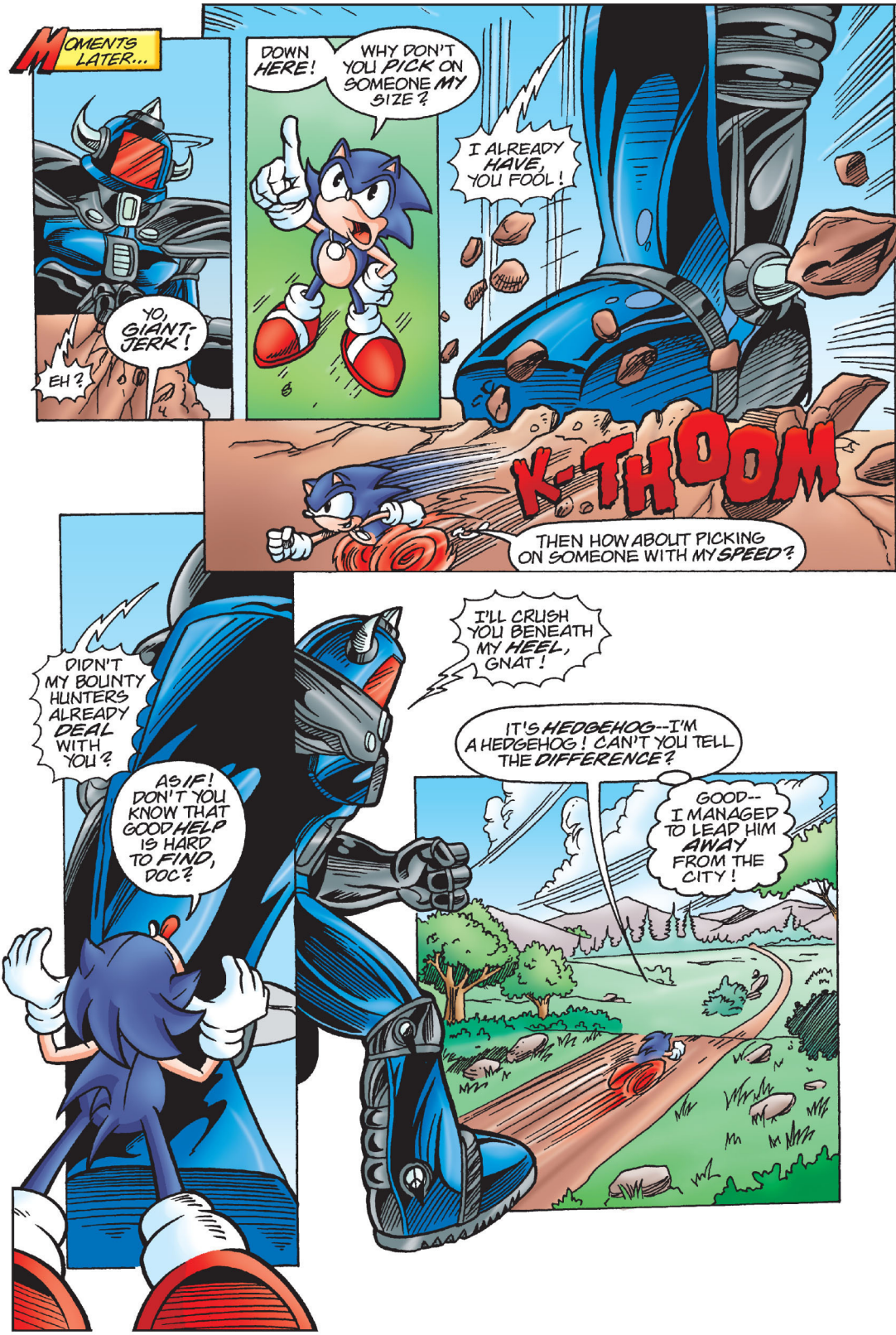

"...THE BEGINNING!
"THAT WOULD BE JUST AFTER SONIA, MANIC AND I WERE BORN!
"WE HEARD THAT MOBOTROPOLIS WAS A PEACEFUL CITY BACK THEN...
"...BUT THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK SOON USED HIS TECHNOLOGY TO TURN OUR WORLD INTO A PLACE OF TERROR KNOWN AS...
"...ROBOTROPOLIS!
"HE LEFT THE WEALTHY ARISTOCRATS TO PAY FOR HIS SMELLY FACTORIES...
"...WHILE OUR PEOPLE WERE ROBOTICIZED AND BECAME MINDLESS SLAVES!
"OUR MOM, QUEEN ALEENA, TOOK US INTO HIDING AFTER A PRICE WAS PLACED ON OUR HEADS!
"THEN ONE DAY, THE ORACLE OF DELPHIUS APPEARED TO HER AND FORETOLD A PROPHECY.
"HE TOLD HER THAT SHE'D HAVE TO GIVE US UP TO SAVE OUR LIVES. IT WAS A THREE-WAY SPLIT...
"...SONIA WAS RAISED BY LADY WINDIMERE, A KINDLY ARISTOCRAT...
"...WHILE MANIC WAS RAISED BY A GOOD-NATURED THIEF NAMED FARRELL...
"...AND I GREW UP WITH MY UNCLE CHUCK, A TOP-NOTCH INVENTOR.
"SEPARATED, WE'D EACH BECOME PRETTY GOOD WITH CERTAIN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS...
"...BUT IT WASN'T UNTIL WE ALL JAMMED TOGETHER AS A BAND THAT THE ORACLE OF DELPHIUS REVEALED OUR TRUE HISTORY.
"AFTER THAT, THE TROUBLE REALLY STARTED!
"NOT ONLY DID ROBOTNIK MANAGE TO ROBOTICIZE MY UNCLE CHUCK...
"...BUT HE DID THE SAME TO FARRELL...
"...AND POOR LADY WINDIMERE!
"EVER SINCE THAT DAY, WE FORMED A RESISTANCE GROUP AND WENT UNDERGROUND...
"...'TIL THE DAY WE CAN REUNITE WITH OUR MOM TO BECOME THE COUNCIL OF FOUR..."

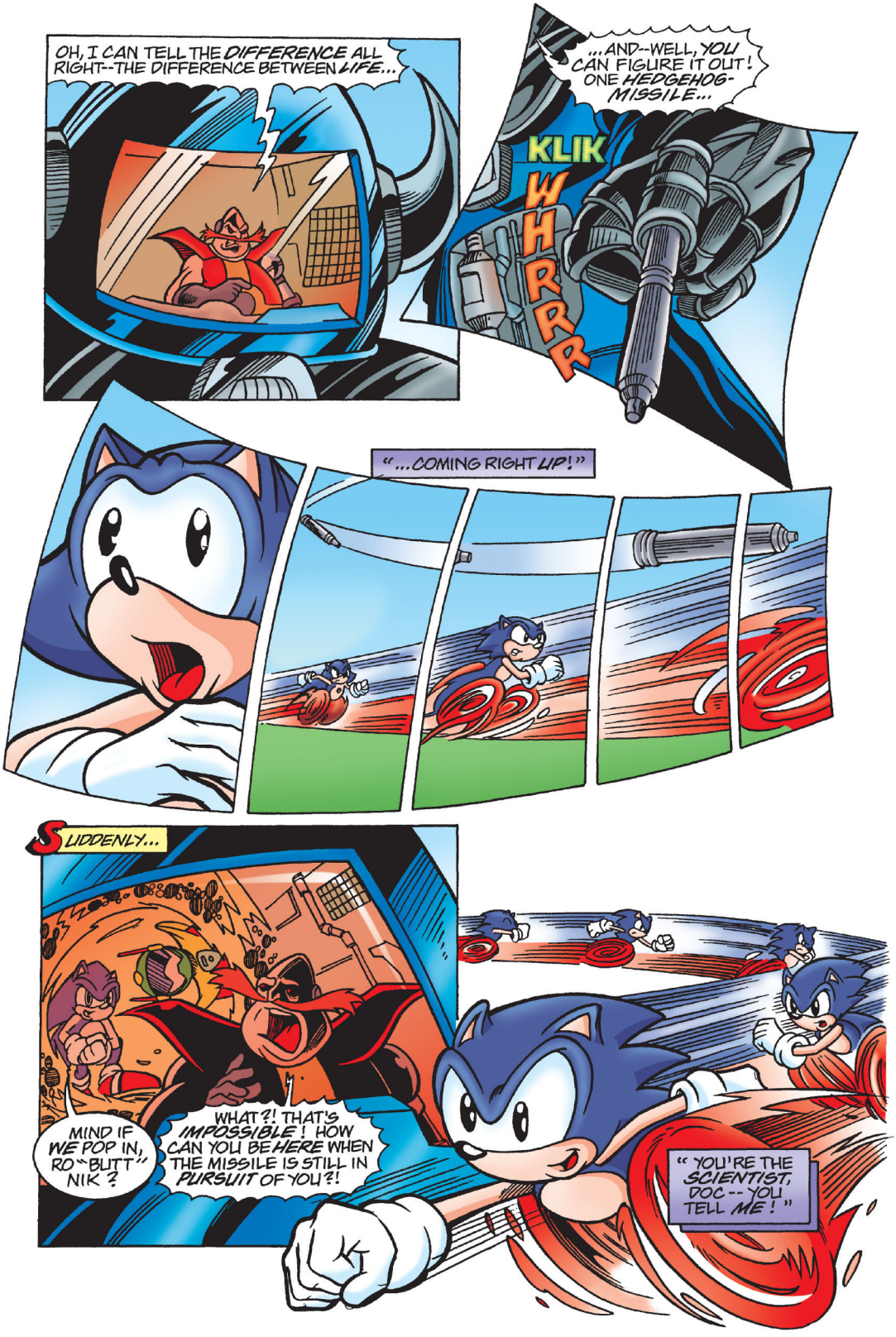

...AND OVERTHROW ROBOTNIK ONCE AND FOR ALL!
YOU DON'T SAY.
LIKE, WOW... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! I'M A PRINCE AND I'VE GOT A BROTHER AND A SISTER IN THIS CRAZY, MIXED-UP ZONE?
YOU MEAN, I DON'T HAVE 'EM BACK WHERE YOU COME FROM?
NO WAY, DUDE!
ON MY VERSION OF MOBIUS, I'M A FREEDOM FIGHTER ALONGSIDE PRINCESS SALLY, TAILS AND--
PRINCESS SALLY?
AND TAILS?! WHAT KINDA NAME IS THAT?
TIME OUT, GANG-- AS MUCH AS I'D LOVE TO CONTINUE THE Q!A* SESSION...
...WE'VE STILL GOTTA FIND...
* QUESTION AND ANSWER-- EDITOR

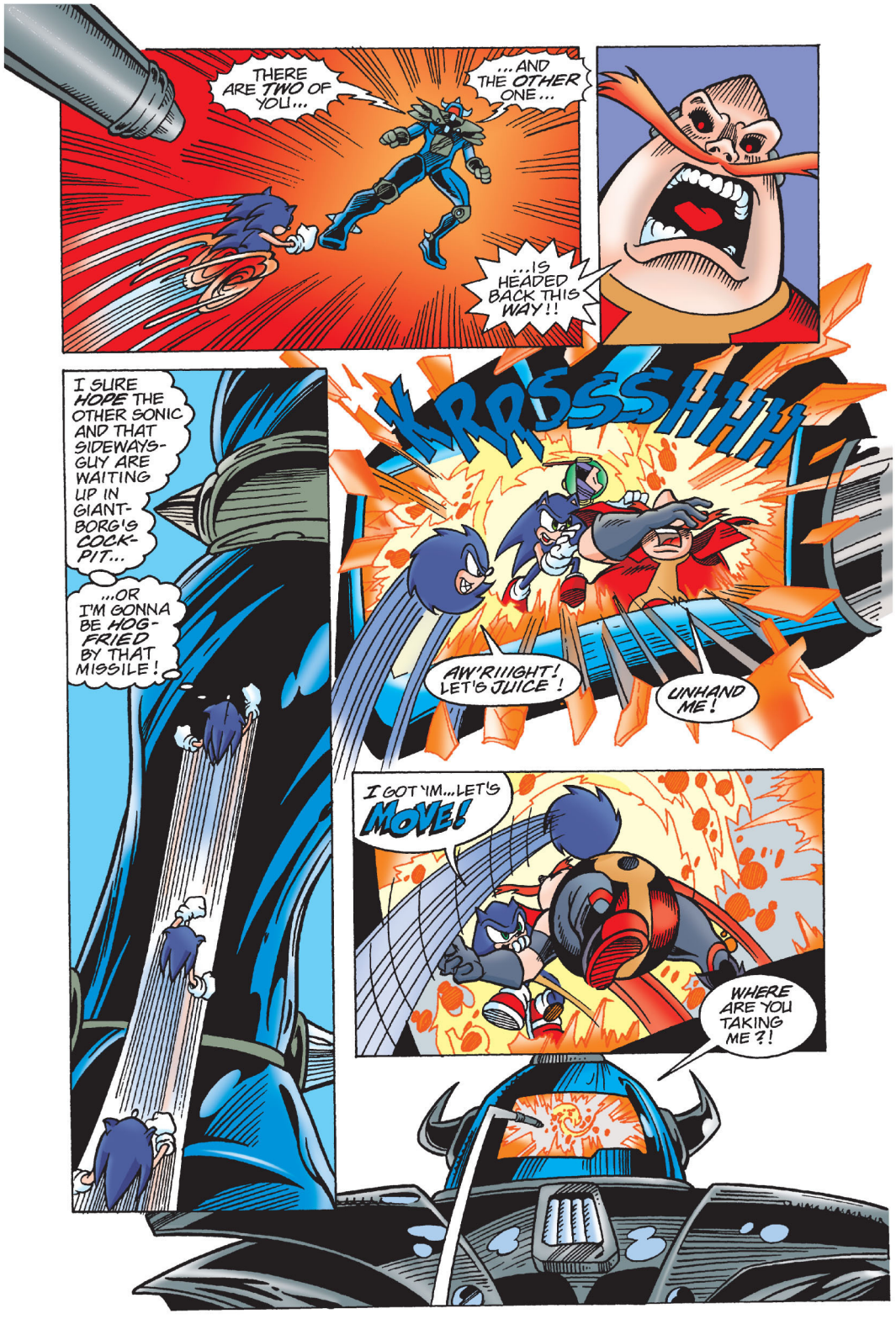
"--EVIL SONIC!"
DINGO AND SLEET ARE HERE, SIR.
YES...I SEE. WHAT HAVE YOU MISERABLE BOUNTY HUNTERS BROUGHT ME ON THIS OCCASION?
HAVE A LOOK, YOUR EXCELLENCY!
HEY--THERE'S NO NEED FOR ALL THE ROUGH STUFF, BOSS MAN.
I ASKED THOSE GEEKS IF THEY HAD THE GIANT-BORG PIECE AND THEY WERE COMPLETELY CLUELESS!
THE WAY I SEE IT, THAT MEANS MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!
CHECK IT OUT--IT'S RIGHT OUTSIDE!
TA-DA! GIANT-BORG (SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED)!
I'VE BEEN THINKIN' THINGS OVER... AND FIGURED THAT IT WOULDN'T HURT TO KEEP WORKING FOR A DUDE LIKE YOU, Y'KNOW?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S COME OVER YOU, BUT YES, HEDGEHOG...YOU WILL DO QUITE WELL TOILING IN ONE OF MY MANY FACTORIES.
TAKE HIM AWAY FOR IMMEDIATE ROBOTIZATION!


ELSEWHERE...
HEY! WAIT A MINUTE! YOU SAID YOU WERE GONNA GIMME POWER--AND CHILI-DOGS! MONDO CHILI-DOGS!
WE HAD A DEAL EGG-MAN!! WE HAD A DEAL!!!
THAT'S WHERE YOU ARE QUITE WRONG, MY ERSTWHILE UNDERLING-- THE DEAL WAS WITH ME, NOT HIM!
HOW I HATE THOSE ALTERNATE REALITY MIX-UPS!
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO EXPECT A HEDGEHOG TO GET THE JOB DONE--EVIL OR NOT!
BY MISTAKING THIS ROBOTNIK FOR ME, HE HAS COST ME GIANT-BORG!
TOO MUCH TIME AND ENERGY HAS ALREADY BEEN SPENT ON THIS ENDEAVOR--I SHALL HAVE TO CUT MY LOSSES...
...AND FOREGO THE BATTLE-SUIT-- BESIDES, I ALREADY HAVE ENOUGH IN MY ARSENAL TO RID MYSELF OF SONIC!
VNNM
AND I PROMISE TO DO THAT...
"...MUCH SOONER THAN HE SUSPECTS!"

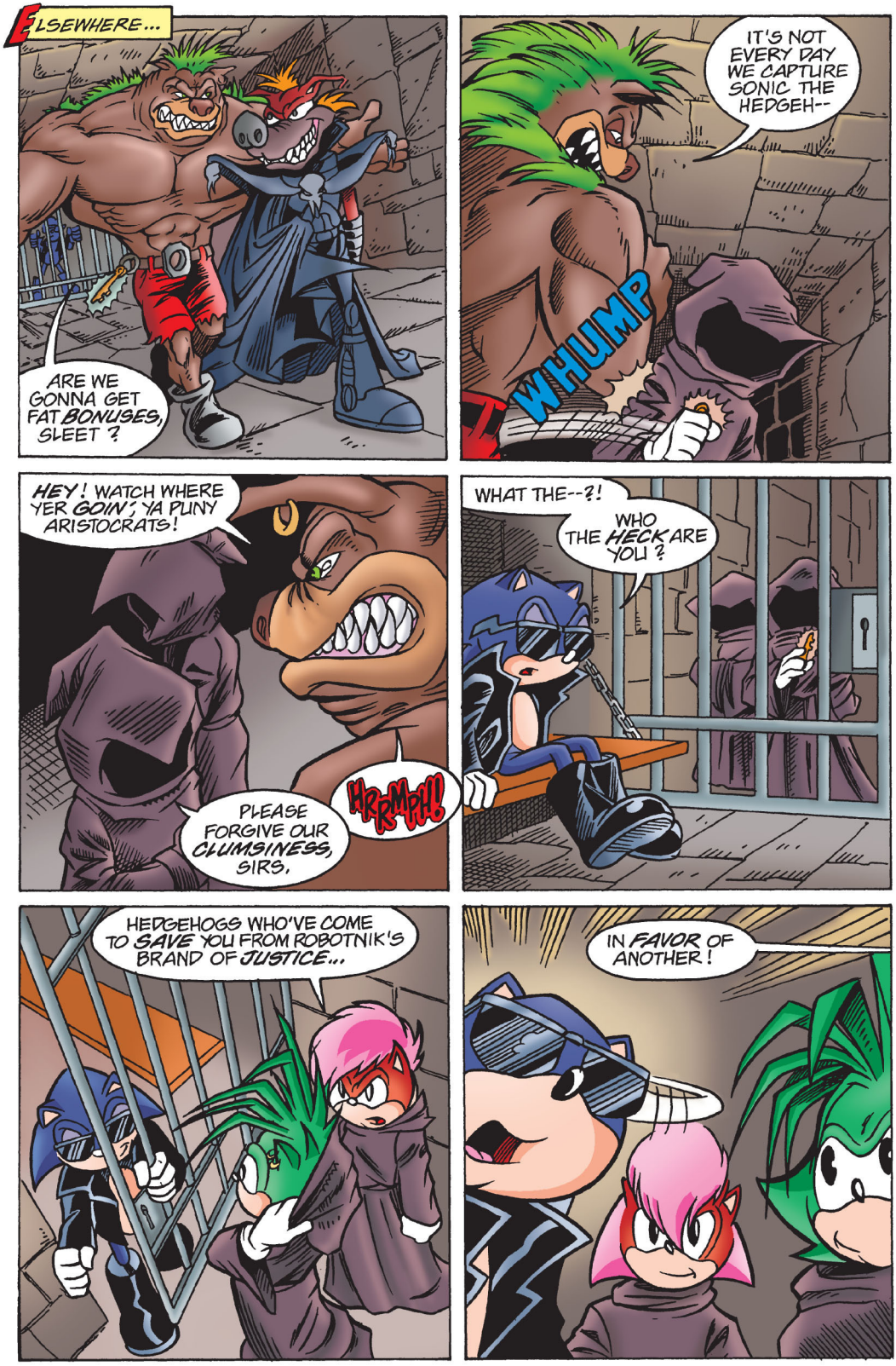
AND BACK IN ROBOTROPOLIS...
HA! HA! HA! I'VE TAKEN CARE OF THAT INFERNAL HEDGEHOG, AND WITH ALL OF THIS MECHANIZED MIGHT RIGHT AT MY FINGERTIPS...
SK-DOOM
THOOM
...I'LL SOON BE ABLE TO ROOT OUT HIS REBELLIOUS SIBLINGS AND CRUSH THEIR RESISTANCE--LITERALLY!
RUN FOR IT!
WE'RE GONNA BE STOMPED!
ROBOTNIK'S CHILLIN' LIKE A VILLAIN! WE'VE GOTTA DO SOMETHING--FAST!
YOU SAID IT!
LIKE WHAT?
HERE'S AN IDEA...


MOMENTS LATER...
DOWN HERE!
WHY DON'T YOU PICK ON SOMEONE MY SIZE?
I ALREADY HAVE, YOU FOOL!
YO, GIANT-JERK!
EH?
K-THOOM
THEN HOW ABOUT PICKING ON SOMEONE WITH MY SPEED?
I'LL CRUSH YOU BENEATH MY HEEL, GNAT!
IT'S HEDGEHOG--I'M A HEDGEHOG! CAN'T YOU TELL THE DIFFERENCE?
GOOD-- I MANAGED TO LEAD HIM AWAY FROM THE CITY!
DIDN'T MY BOUNTY HUNTERS ALREADY DEAL WITH YOU?
AS IF! DON'T YOU KNOW THAT GOOD HELP IS HARD TO FIND, DOC?

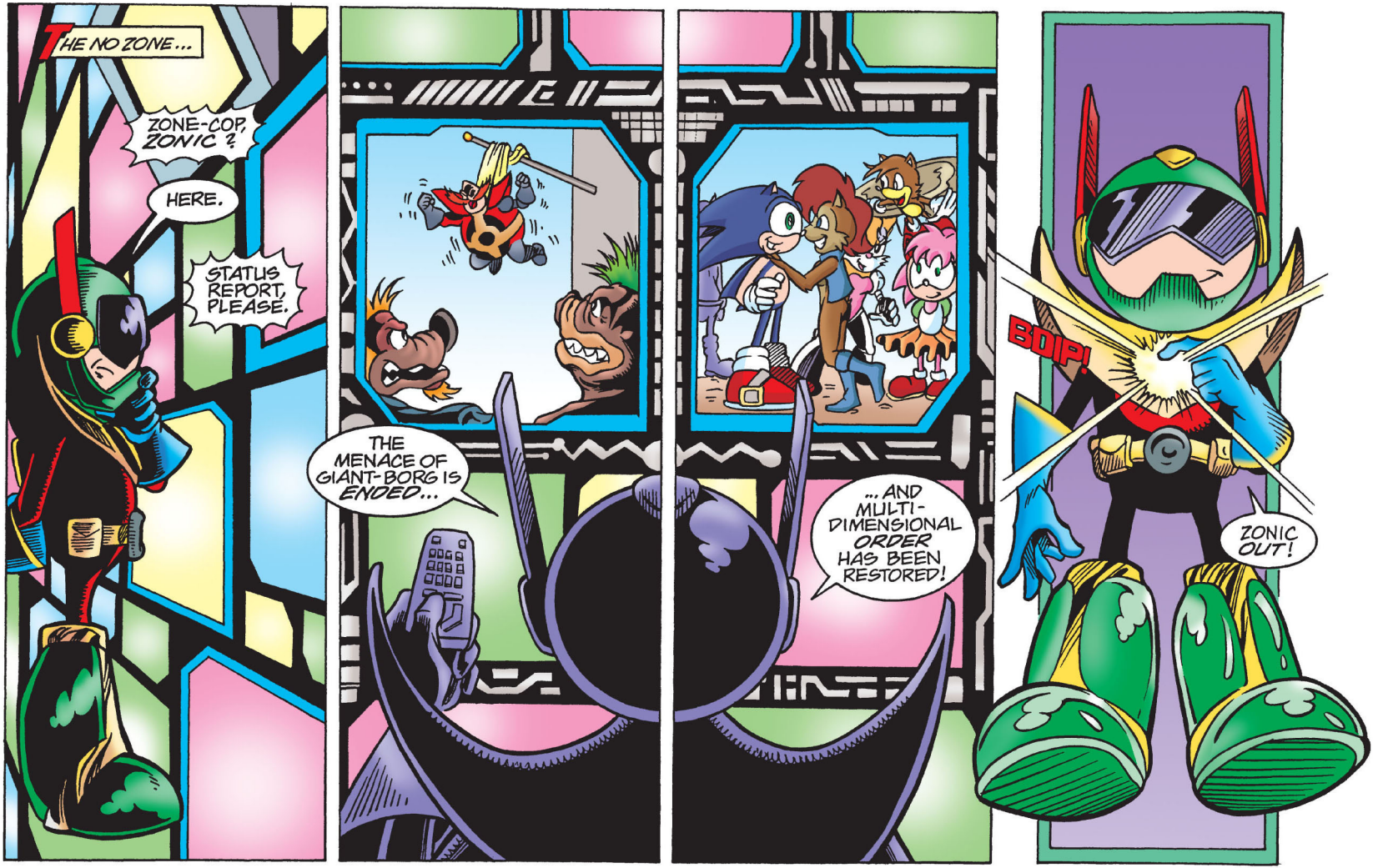

OH, I CAN TELL THE DIFFERENCE ALL RIGHT--THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE...
...AND--WELL, YOU CAN FIGURE IT OUT! ONE HEDGEHOG-MISSILE...
KLIK
WHRRR
"...COMING RIGHT UP!"
SUDDENLY...
MIND IF WE POP IN, RO-BUTT" NIK?
WHAT?! THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! HOW CAN YOU BE HERE WHEN THE MISSILE IS STILL IN PURSUIT OF YOU?!
"YOU'RE THE SCIENTIST, DOC--YOU TELL ME!"

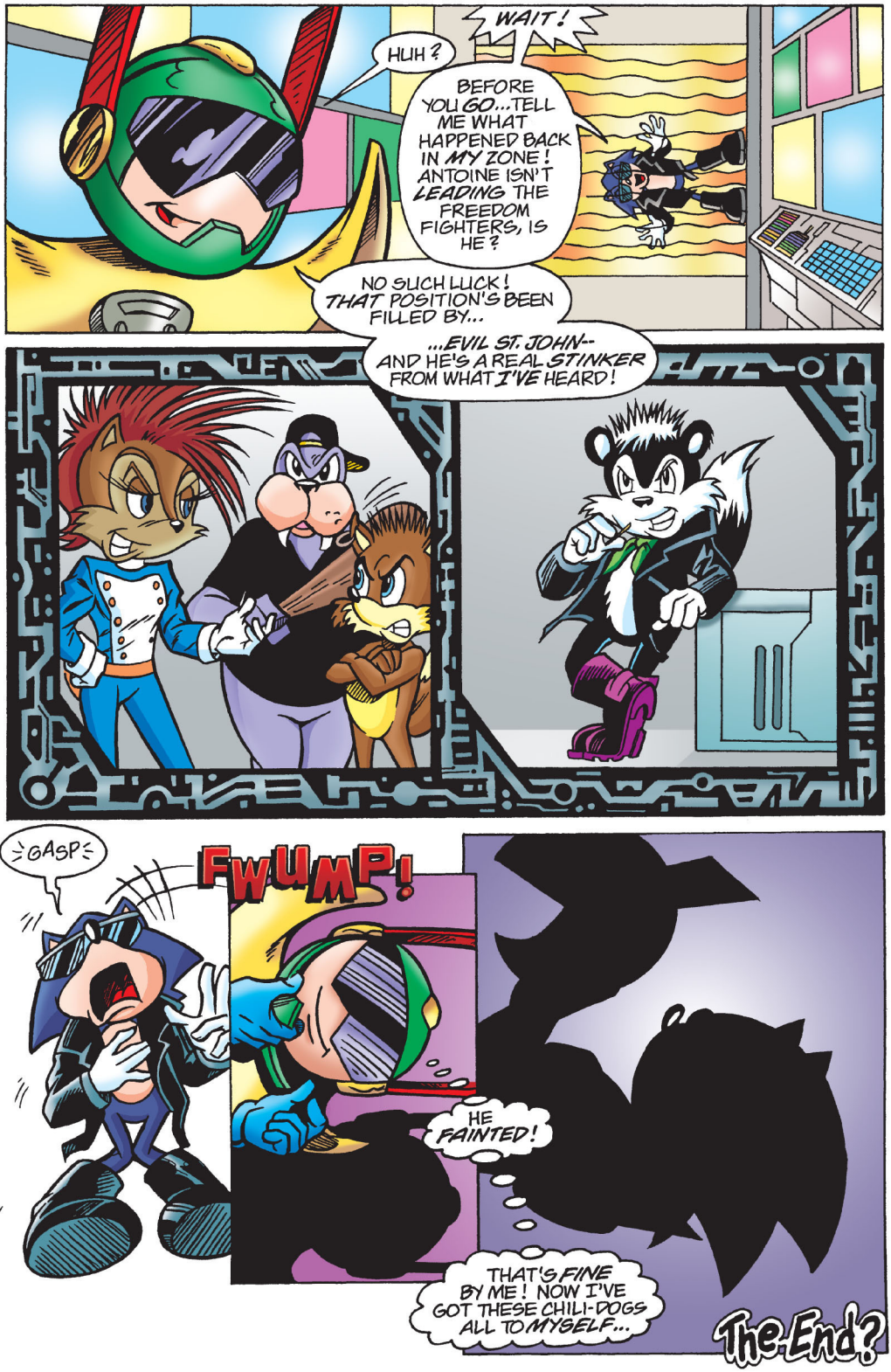

THERE ARE TWO OF YOU...
...AND THE OTHER ONE...
...IS HEADED BACK THIS WAY!!
I SURE HOPE THE OTHER SONIC AND THAT SIDEWAYS-GUY ARE WAITING UP IN GIANT-BORG'S COCK-PIT...
...OR I'M GONNA BE HOG-FRIED BY THAT MISSILE!
KRRSSSHHH
AW'RIIIGHT! LET'S JUICE!
UNHAND ME!
I GOT 'IM...LET'S MOVE!
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?!

KFWOOM


ELSEWHERE...
ARE WE GONNA GET FAT BONUSES, SLEET ?
IT'S NOT EVERY DAY WE CAPTURE SONIC THE HEDGEH--
WHUMP
HEY ! WATCH WHERE YER GOIN', YA PUNY ARISTOCRATS !
PLEASE FORGIVE OUR CLUMSINESS, SIRS,
HRRMPH!
WHAT THE--?!
WHO THE HECK ARE YOU ?
HEDGEHOGS WHO'VE COME TO SAVE YOU FROM ROBOTNIK'S BRAND OF JUSTICE...
IN FAVOR OF ANOTHER !

WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE?
SONIC OF MOBIUS #372, I HEREBY PLACE YOU UNDER ARREST FOR HIGH TREASON.
LEMME UNDERSTAND THIS--YER BUSTIN' ME FREE ONLY TO LOCK ME BACK UP?!
LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, EVIL--IT'S GOTTA BEAT ROBOTIZATION!
SONIC... MANIC... SONIA... THANKS FOR PITCHING IN...
HASTA LA VISTA!
...AND DON'T YOU THREE EVER GIVE UP THE FIGHT!
THINK WE'LL EVER SEE THEM AGAIN, GUYS?
ONLY TIME--(AND SPACE)--WILL TELL, BRO.


THE NO ZONE...
ZONE-COP, ZONIC?
HERE.
STATUS REPORT, PLEASE.
THE MENACE OF GIANT-BORG IS ENDED...
...AND MULTI-DIMENSIONAL ORDER HAS BEEN RESTORED!
BOIP!
ZONIC OUT!


WAIT!
HUH?
BEFORE YOU GO...TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED BACK IN MY ZONE! ANTOINE ISN'T LEADING THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, IS HE?
NO SUCH LUCK! THAT POSITION'S BEEN FILLED BY...
...EVIL ST. JOHN-- AND HE'S A REAL STINKER FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD!
=GASP=
FWUMP!
HE FAINTED!
THAT'S FINE BY ME! NOW I'VE GOT THESE CHILI-DOGS ALL TO MYSELF...
The End?

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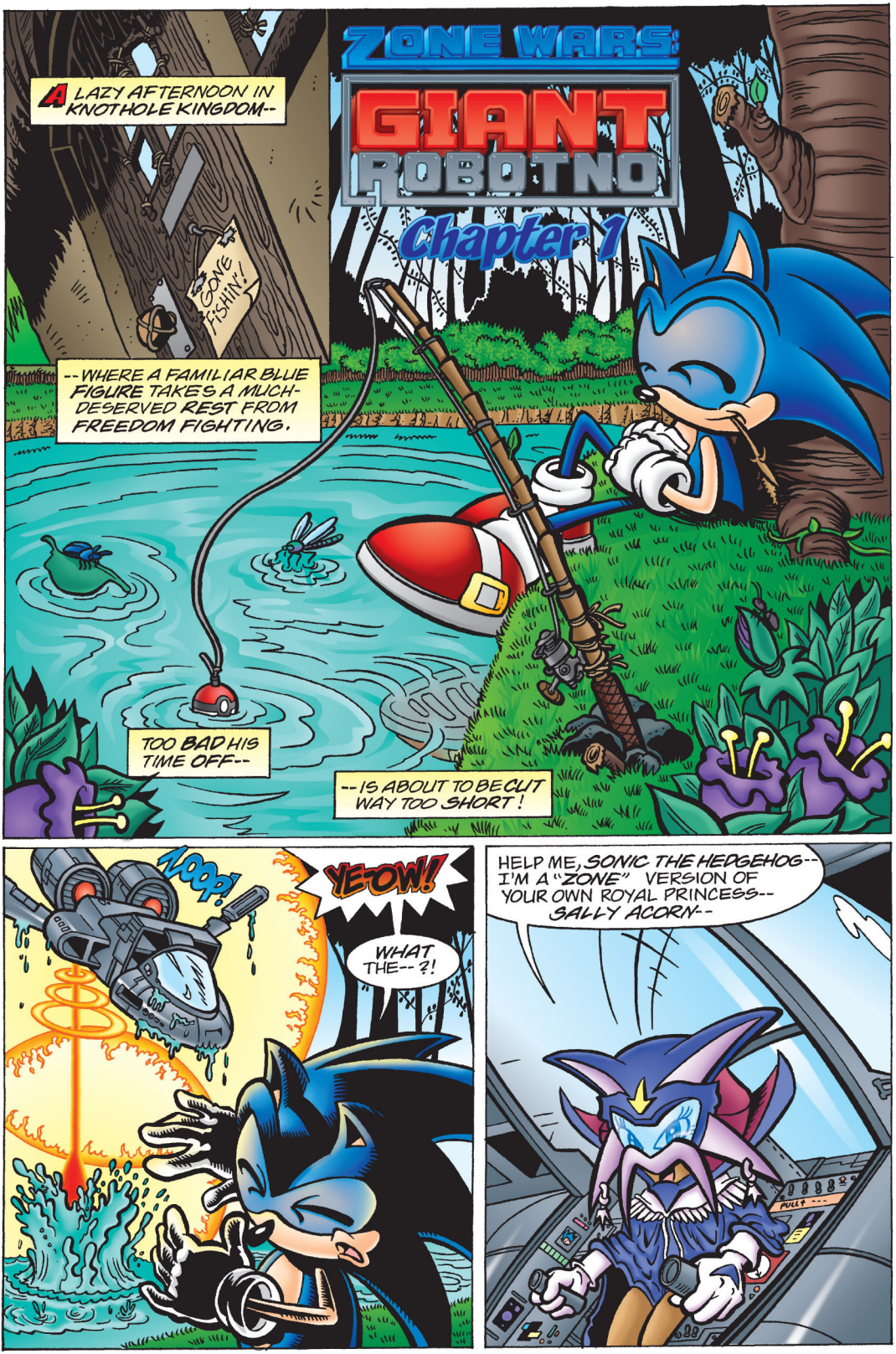
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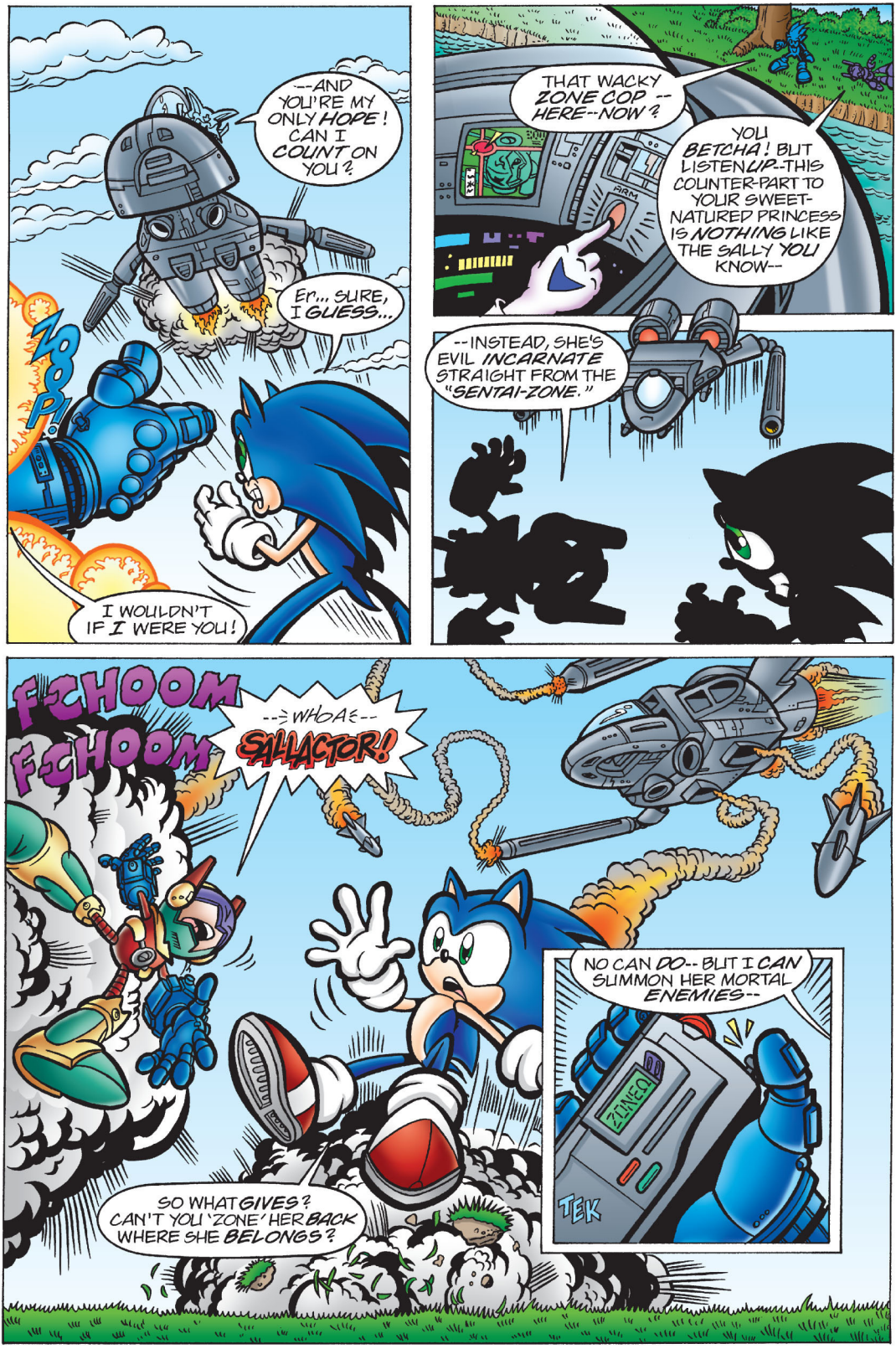
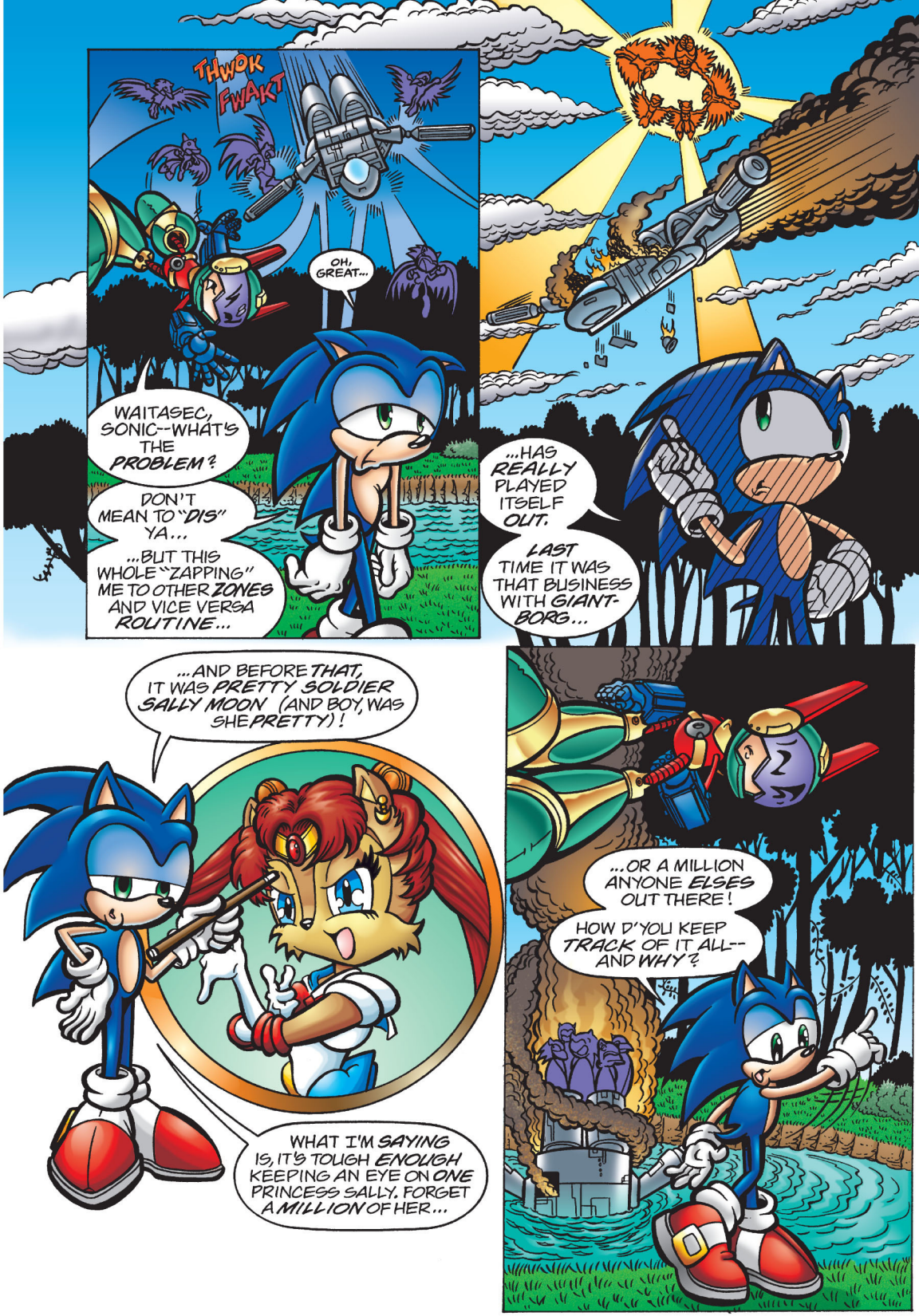
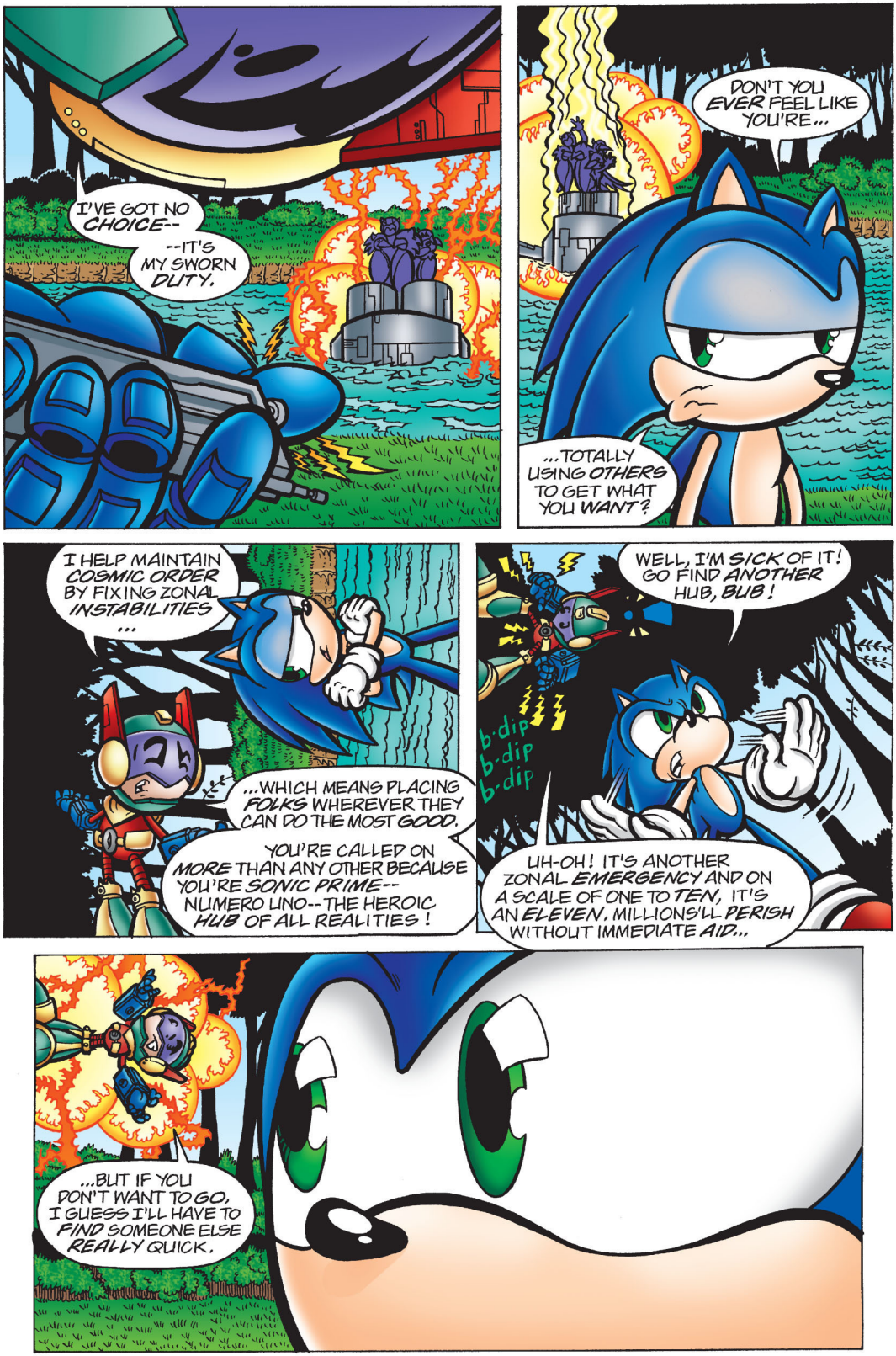
GONE FISHIN'!
--WHERE A FAMILIAR BLUE FIGURE TAKES A MUCH-DESERVED REST FROM FREEDOM FIGHTING.
TOO BAD HIS TIME OFF--
--IS ABOUT TO BE CUT WAY TOO SHORT!
YE-OW!
WHAT THE--?!
HELP ME, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG-- I'M A "ZONE" VERSION OF YOUR OWN ROYAL PRINCESS-- SALLY ACORN--


--AND YOU'RE MY ONLY HOPE! CAN I COUNT ON YOU?
Er... SURE, I GUESS...
ZAP!
I WOULDN'T IF I WERE YOU!
THAT WACKY ZONE COP -- HERE--NOW?
YOU BETCHA! BUT LISTEN UP--THIS COUNTER-PART TO YOUR SWEET-NATURED PRINCESS IS NOTHING LIKE THE SALLY YOU KNOW--
--INSTEAD, SHE'S EVIL INCARNATE STRAIGHT FROM THE "SENTAI-ZONE."
F-CHOOM
F-CHOOM
--WHOA!--
SALLACTOR!
NO CAN DO-- BUT I CAN SUMMON HER MORTAL ENEMIES--
ZONE
TEK
SO WHAT GIVES? CAN'T YOU 'ZONE' HER BACK WHERE SHE BELONGS?

--SONICAMAN: CHAOS NINJA TEAM!
?!


THWOK
FWAKT
OH, GREAT...
WAITASEC, SONIC--WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
DON'T MEAN TO "DIS" YA...
...BUT THIS WHOLE "ZAPPING" ME TO OTHER ZONES AND VICE VERSA ROUTINE...
...HAS REALLY PLAYED ITSELF OUT.
LAST TIME IT WAS THAT BUSINESS WITH GIANT-BORG...
...AND BEFORE THAT, IT WAS PRETTY SOLDIER SALLY MOON (AND BOY, WAS SHE PRETTY)!
WHAT I'M SAYING IS, IT'S TOUGH ENOUGH KEEPING AN EYE ON ONE PRINCESS SALLY. FORGET A MILLION OF HER...
...OR A MILLION ANYONE ELSES OUT THERE!
HOW D'YOU KEEP TRACK OF IT ALL--AND WHY?


I'VE GOT NO CHOICE--
--IT'S MY SWORN DUTY.
DON'T YOU EVER FEEL LIKE YOU'RE...
...TOTALLY USING OTHERS TO GET WHAT YOU WANT?
I HELP MAINTAIN COSMIC ORDER BY FIXING ZONAL INSTABILITIES ...
...WHICH MEANS PLACING FOLKS WHEREVER THEY CAN DO THE MOST GOOD.
YOU'RE CALLED ON MORE THAN ANY OTHER BECAUSE YOU'RE SONIC PRIME-- NUMERO UNO-- THE HEROIC HUB OF ALL REALITIES!
WELL, I'M SICK OF IT! GO FIND ANOTHER HUB, BUB!
b-dip
b-dip
b-dip
UH-OH! IT'S ANOTHER ZONAL EMERGENCY AND ON A SCALE OF ONE TO TEN, IT'S AN ELEVEN. MILLIONS'LL PERISH WITHOUT IMMEDIATE AID...
...BUT IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GO, I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO FIND SOMEONE ELSE REALLY QUICK.

ALL RIGHT-- YOU WIN.
ZONE ME.
I KNEW WE COULD COUNT ON YOU, KID...
ZOOP!
MOMENTS LATER...
...THE HEROIC HEDGEHOG FINDS HIMSELF IN A WORLD DISTINCTLY DIFFERING FROM HIS OWN.
LIKE, WHAT IS UP AROUND HERE? THOSE OVERLANDERS...
...ARE WAY PAST SCARED!
THOOM THOOM
WHY DOES THE GROUND KEEP SHAKING?
THOOM

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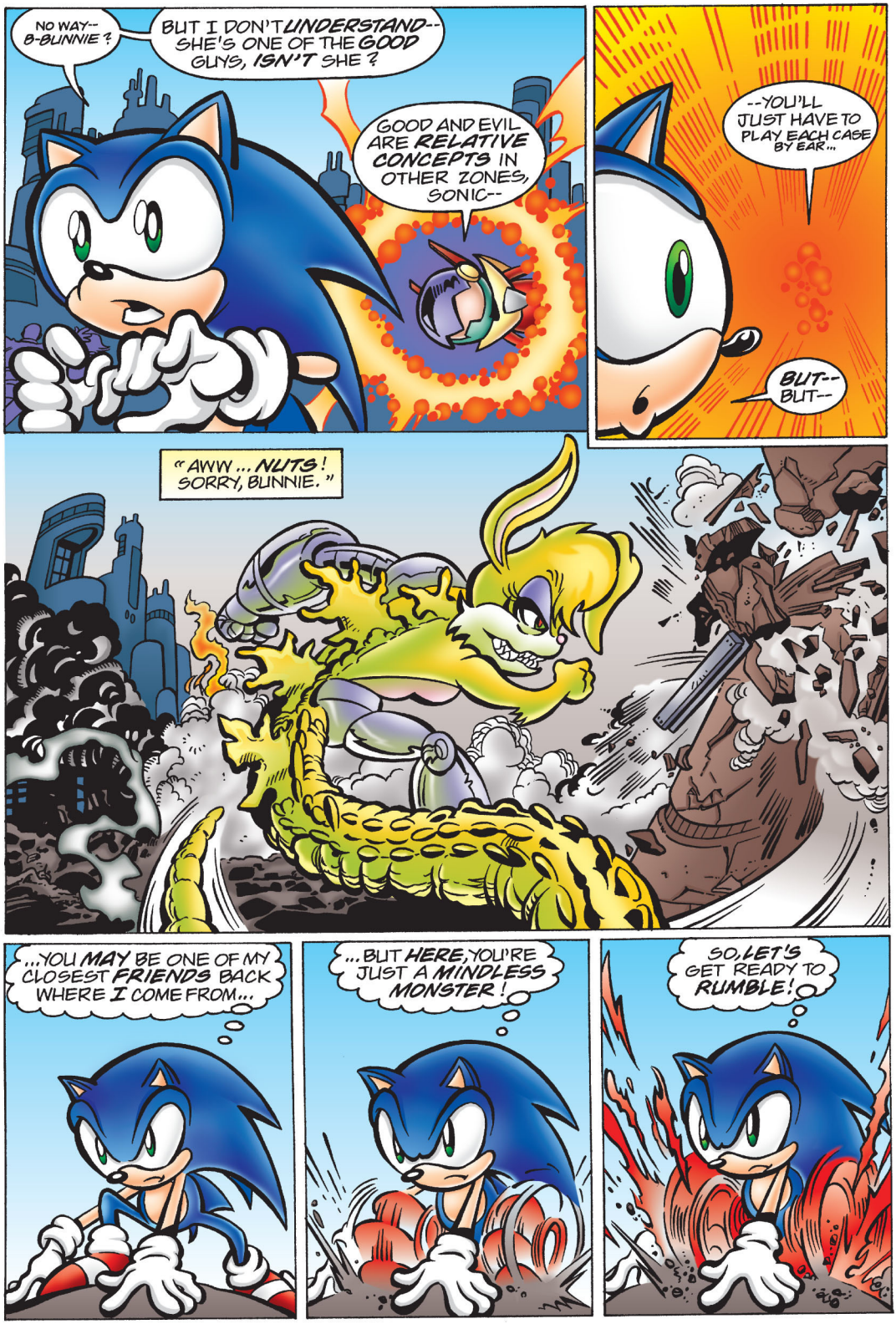
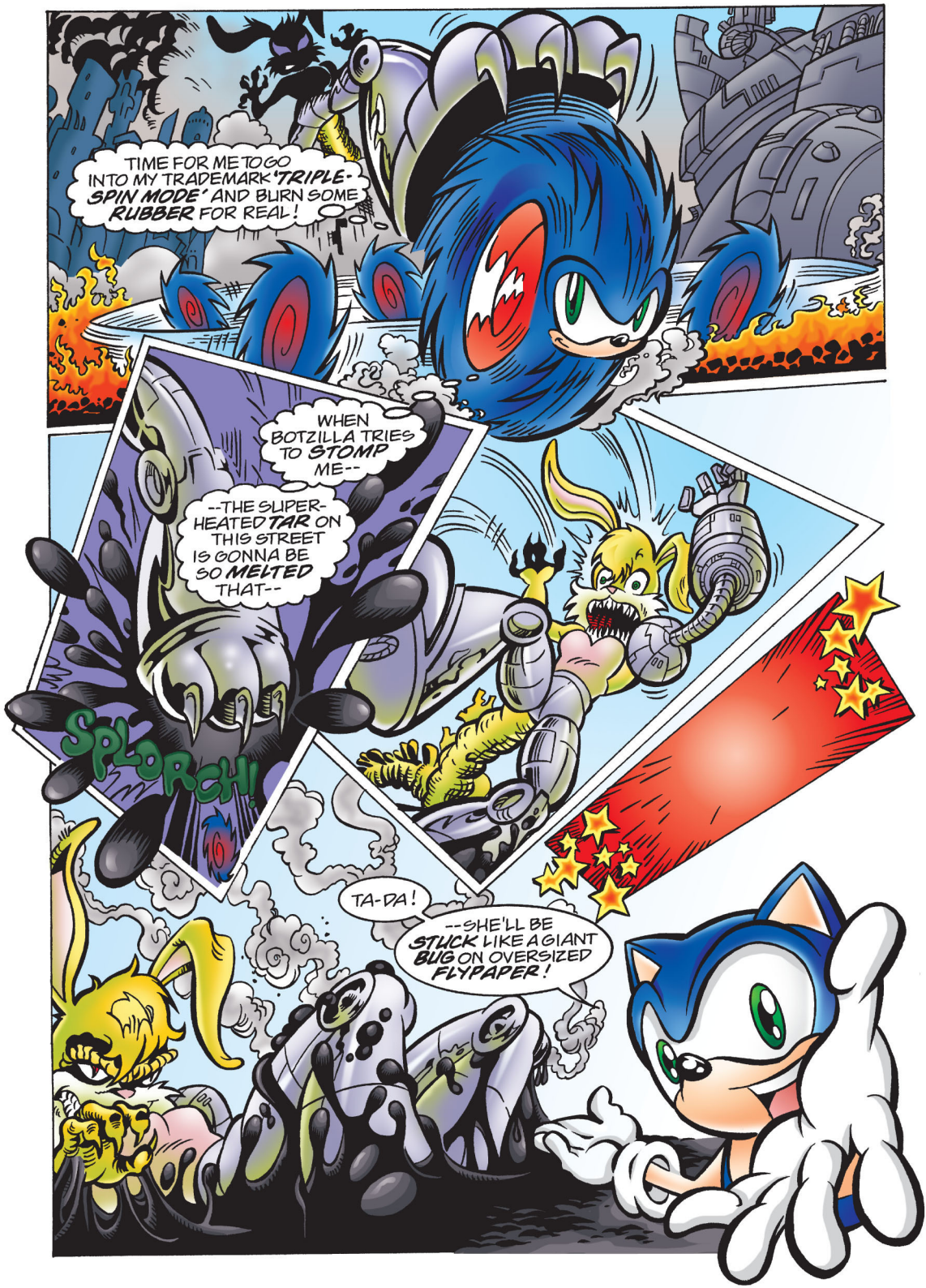
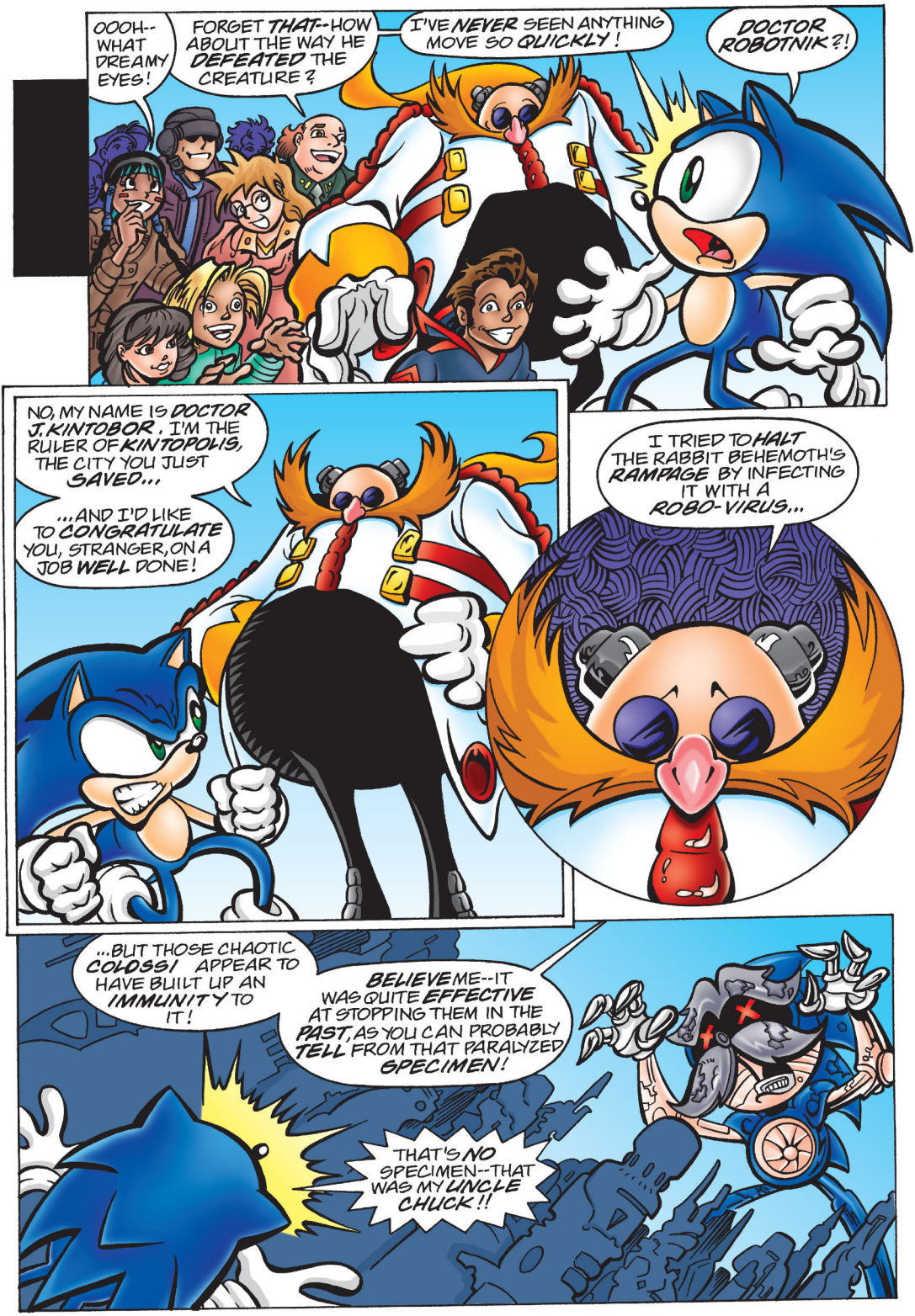
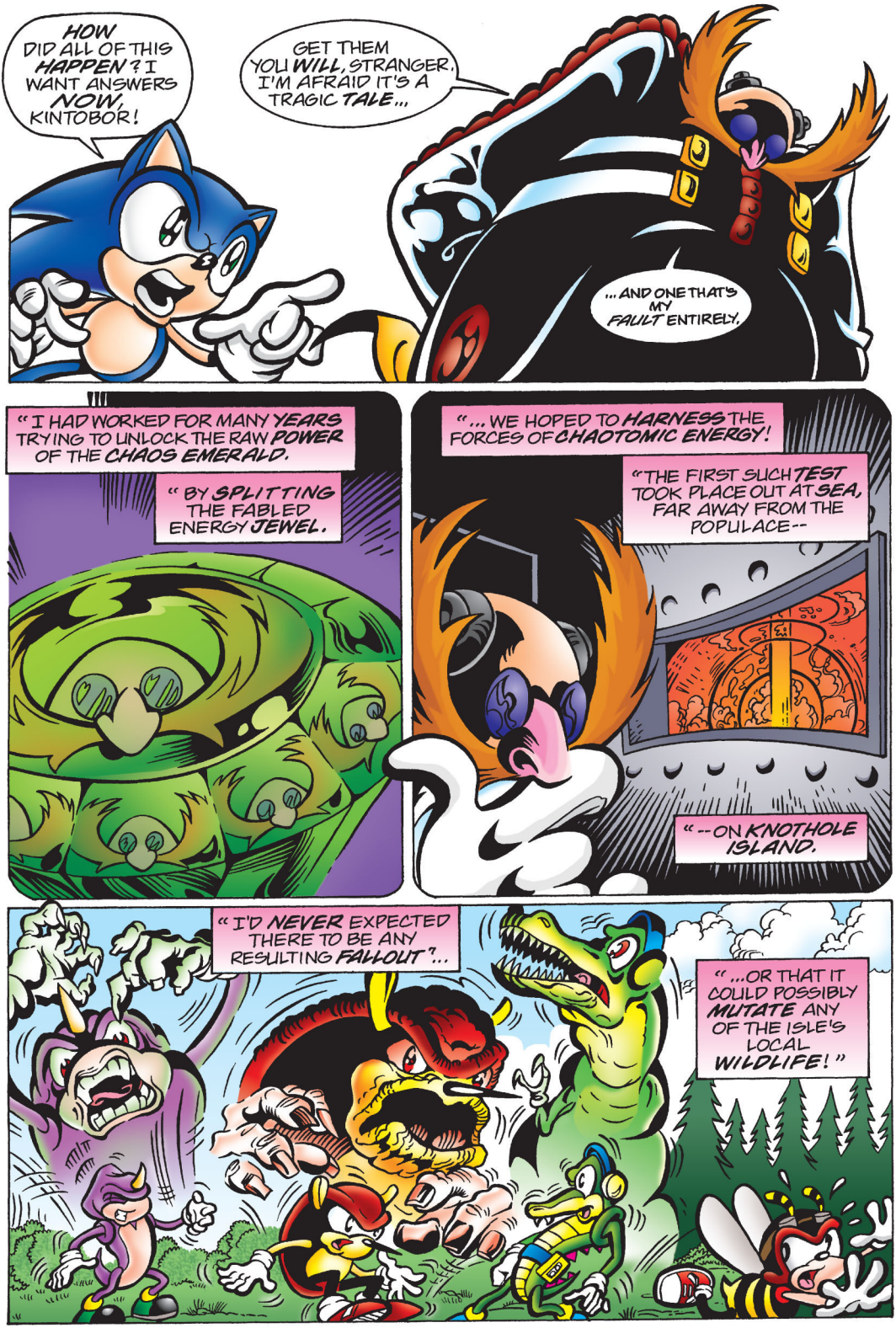
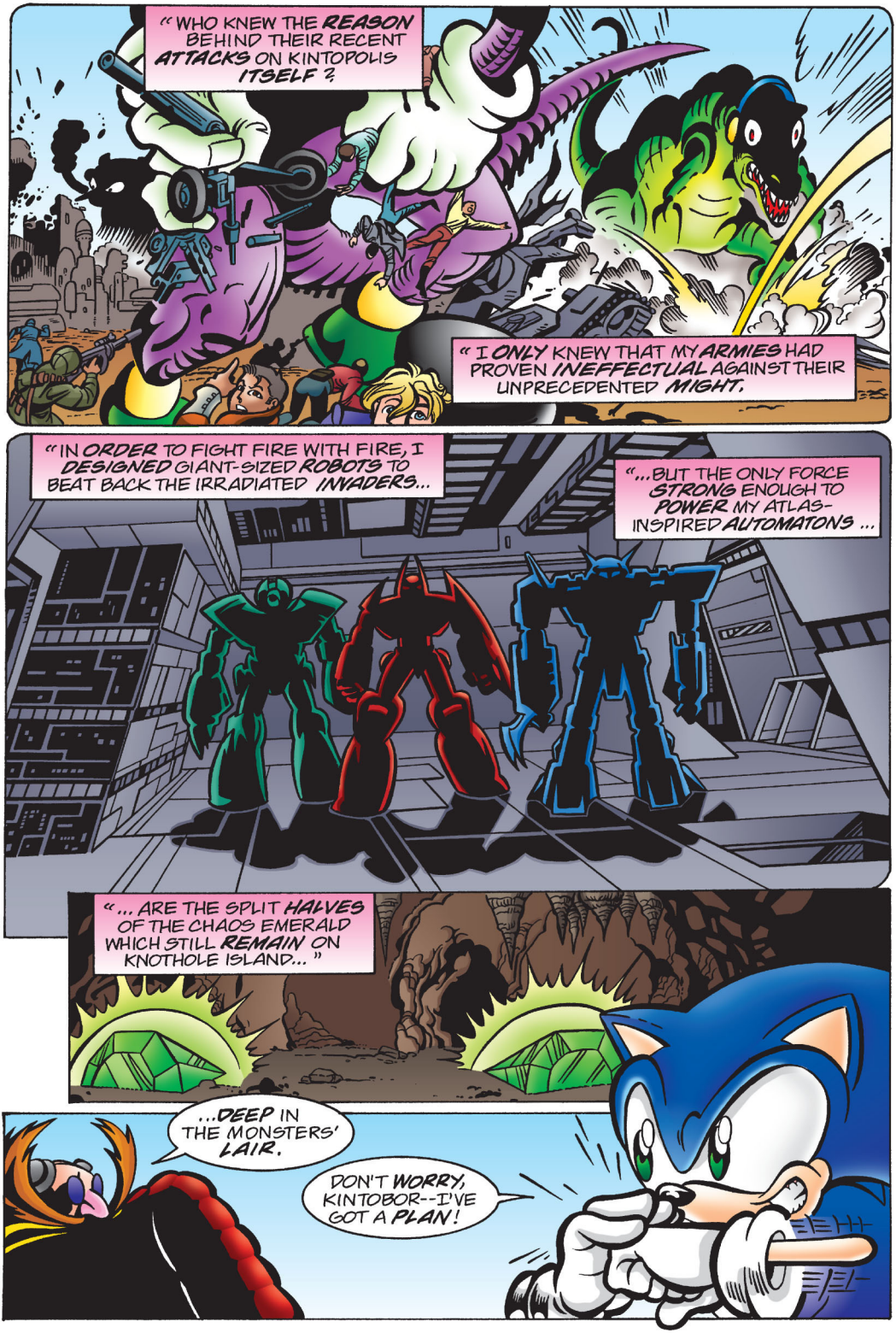
RABBOT-ZILLA!!!"

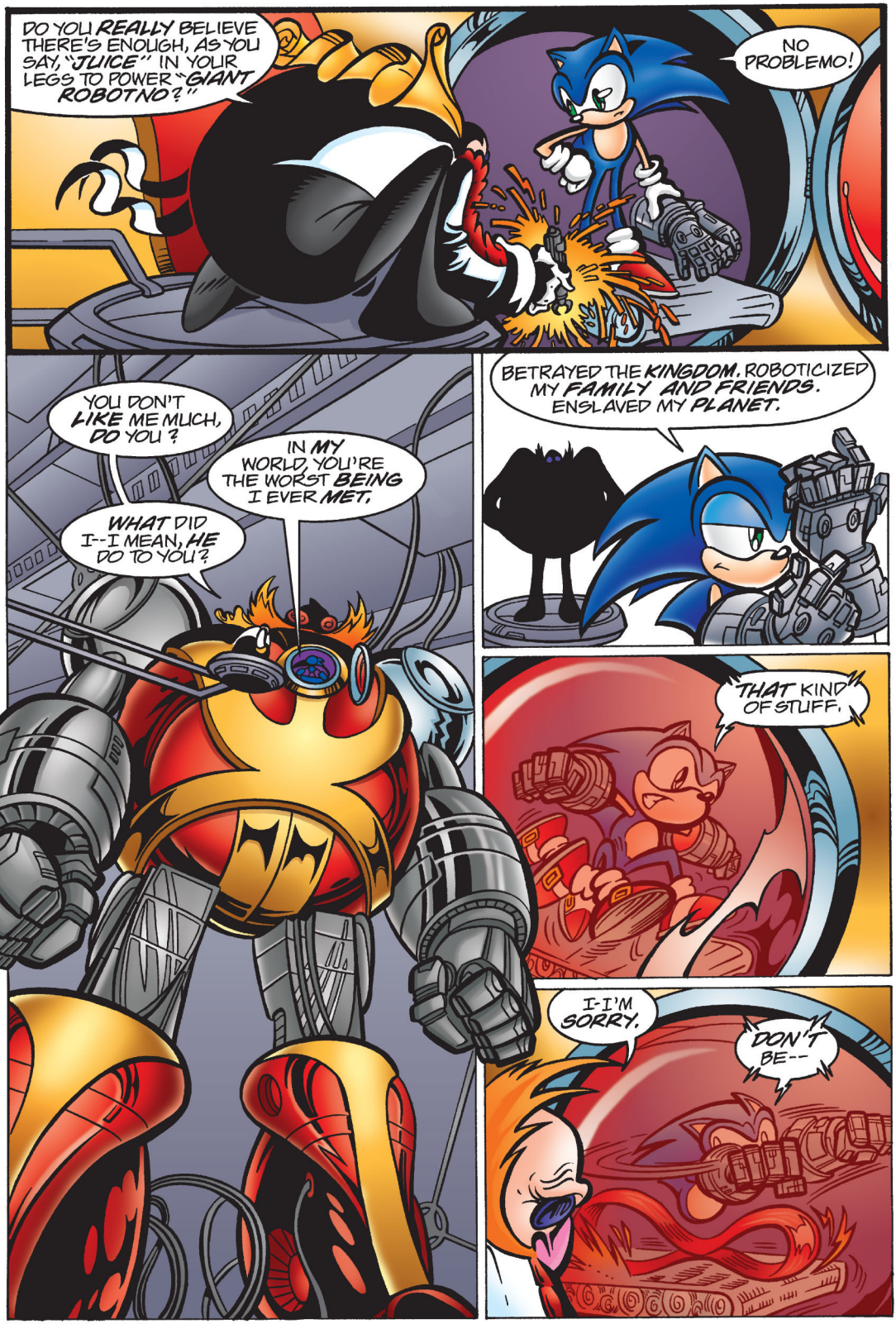

NO WAY-- B-BUNNIE?
BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND-- SHE'S ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS, ISN'T SHE?
GOOD AND EVIL ARE RELATIVE CONCEPTS IN OTHER ZONES, SONIC--
--YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO PLAY EACH CASE BY EAR...
BUT-- BUT--
"AWW... NUTS! SORRY, BUNNIE."
...YOU MAY BE ONE OF MY CLOSEST FRIENDS BACK WHERE I COME FROM...
...BUT HERE, YOU'RE JUST A MINDLESS MONSTER!
SO, LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE!

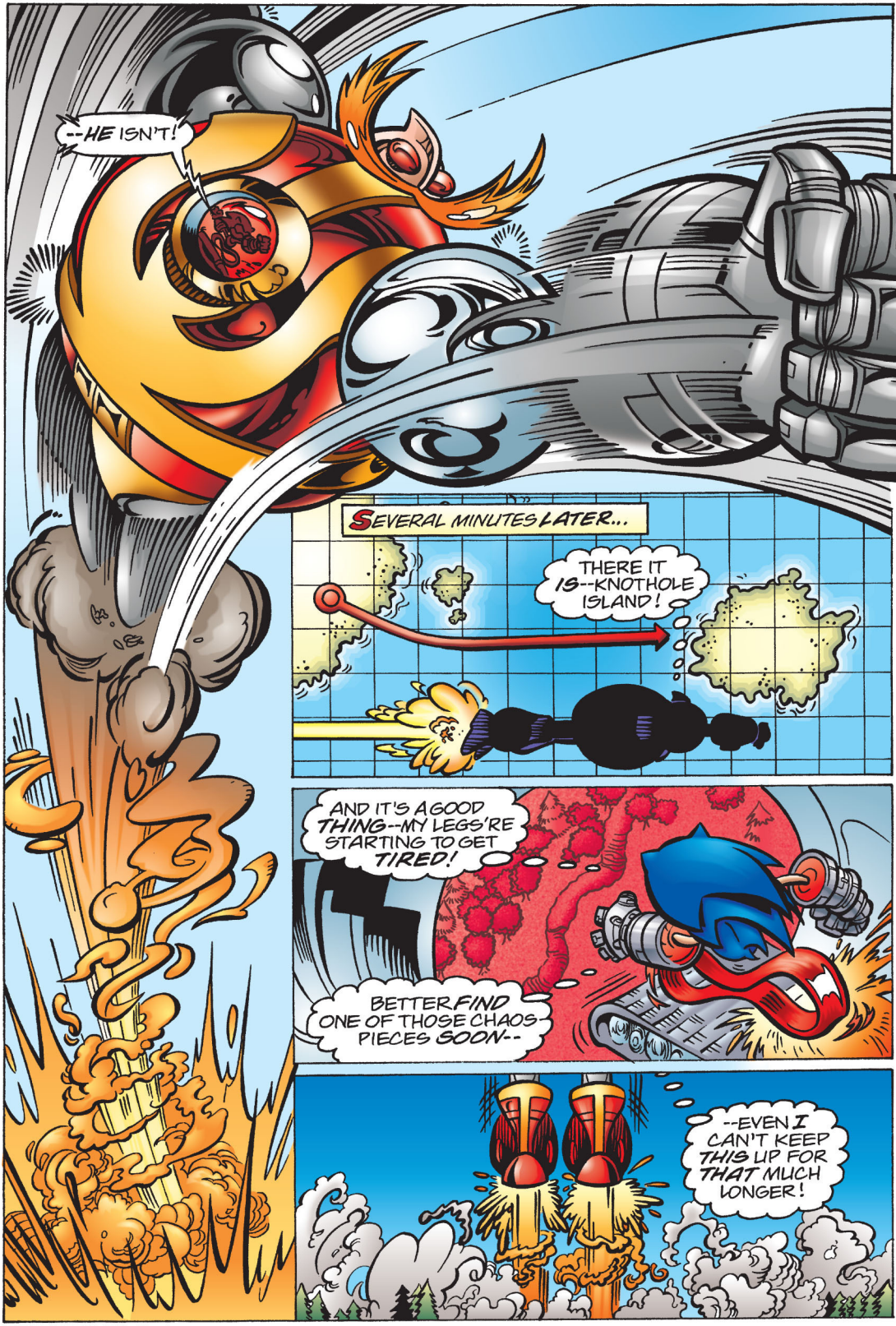

TIME FOR ME TO GO INTO MY TRADEMARK 'TRIPLE-SPIN MODE' AND BURN SOME RUBBER FOR REAL!
WHEN BOTZILLA TRIES TO STOMP ME--
--THE SUPER-HEATED TAR ON THIS STREET IS GONNA BE SO MELTED THAT--
SPLORCH!
TA-DA!
--SHE'LL BE STUCK LIKE A GIANT BUG ON OVERSIZED FLYPAPER!

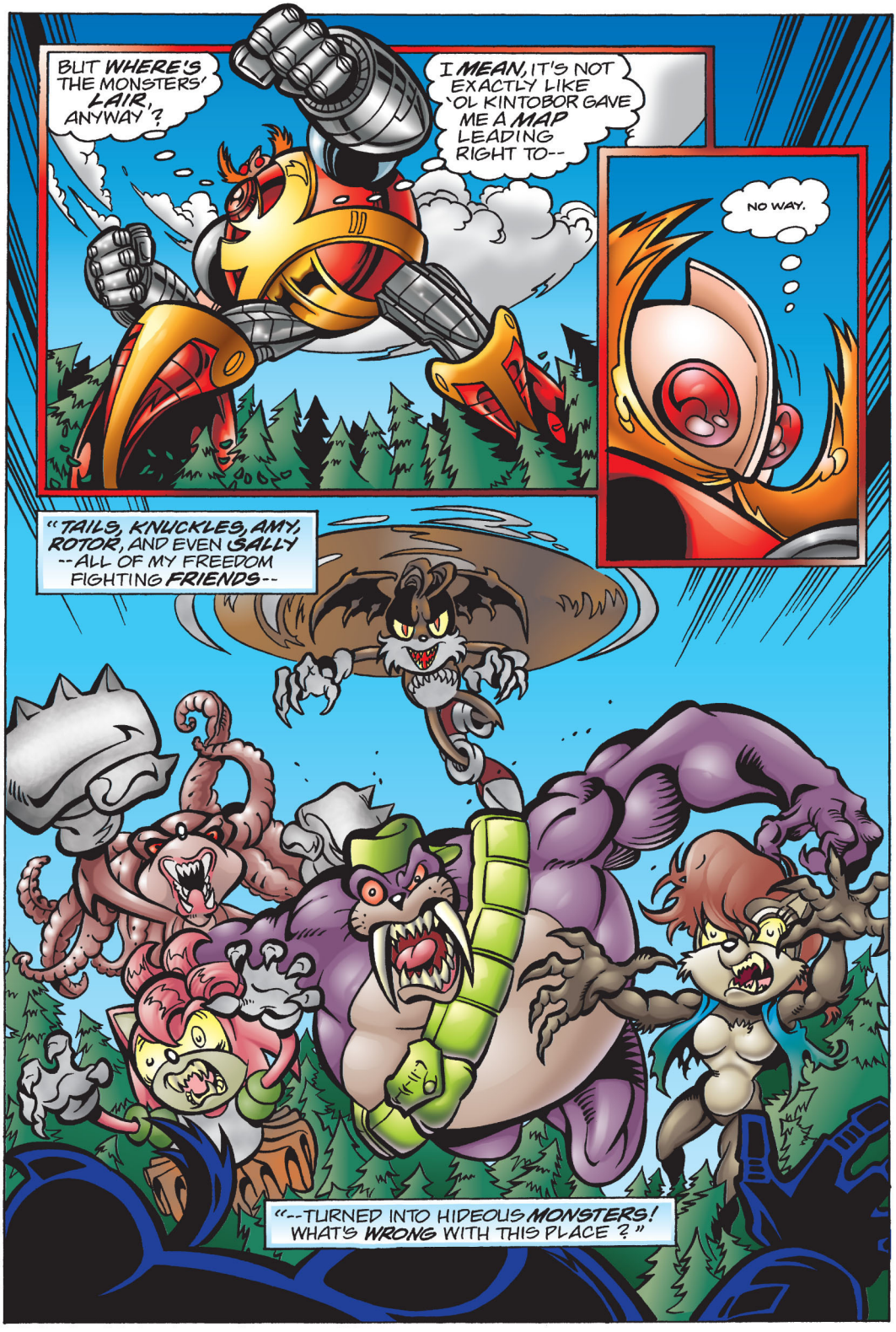

OOOH--WHAT DREAMY EYES!
FORGET THAT--HOW ABOUT THE WAY HE DEFEATED THE CREATURE?
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING MOVE SO QUICKLY!
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK?!
NO, MY NAME IS DOCTOR J. KINTOBOR. I'M THE RULER OF KINTOPOLIS, THE CITY YOU JUST SAVED...
...AND I'D LIKE TO CONGRATULATE YOU, STRANGER, ON A JOB WELL DONE!
I TRIED TO HALT THE RABBIT BEHEMOTH'S RAMPAGE BY INFECTING IT WITH A ROBO-VIRUS...
...BUT THOSE CHAOTIC COLOSSI APPEAR TO HAVE BUILT UP AN IMMUNITY TO IT!
BELIEVE ME--IT WAS QUITE EFFECTIVE AT STOPPING THEM IN THE PAST, AS YOU CAN PROBABLY TELL FROM THAT PARALYZED SPECIMEN!
THAT'S NO SPECIMEN--THAT WAS MY UNCLE CHUCK!!

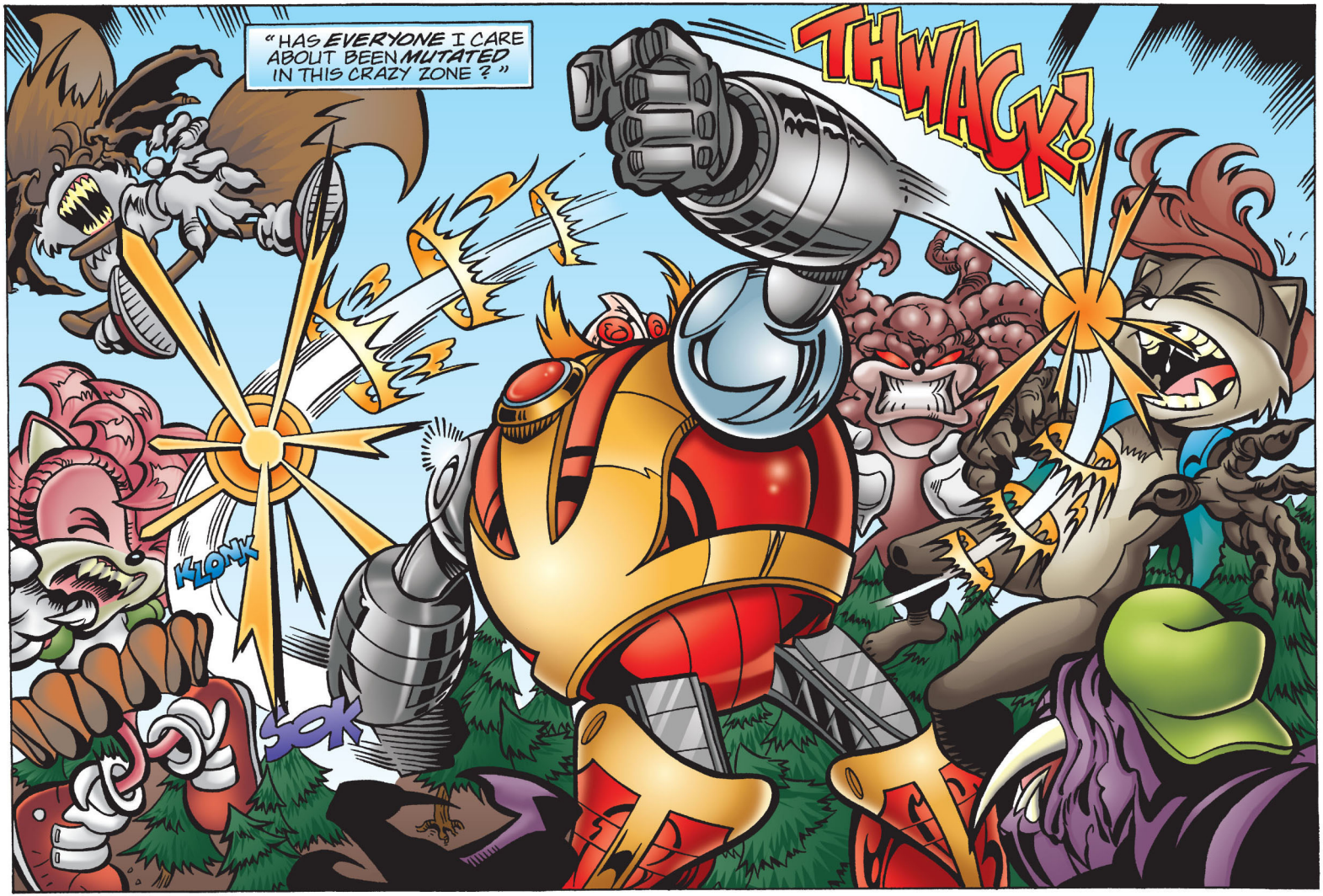

HOW DID ALL OF THIS HAPPEN? I WANT ANSWERS NOW, KINTOBOR!
GET THEM YOU WILL, STRANGER. I'M AFRAID IT'S A TRAGIC TALE...
...AND ONE THAT'S MY FAULT ENTIRELY.
"I HAD WORKED FOR MANY YEARS TRYING TO UNLOCK THE RAW POWER OF THE CHAOS EMERALD.
"BY SPLITTING THE FABLED ENERGY JEWEL.
"...WE HOPED TO HARNESS THE FORCES OF CHAOTOMIC ENERGY!
"THE FIRST SUCH TEST TOOK PLACE OUT AT SEA, FAR AWAY FROM THE POPULACE--
"--ON KNOTHOLE ISLAND.
"I'D NEVER EXPECTED THERE TO BE ANY RESULTING FALLOUT"...
"...OR THAT IT COULD POSSIBLY MUTATE ANY OF THE ISLE'S LOCAL WILDLIFE!"


"WHO KNEW THE REASON BEHIND THEIR RECENT ATTACKS ON KINTOPOLIS ITSELF?
"I ONLY KNEW THAT MY ARMIES HAD PROVEN INEFFECTUAL AGAINST THEIR UNPRECEDENTED MIGHT.
"IN ORDER TO FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE, I DESIGNED GIANT-SIZED ROBOTS TO BEAT BACK THE IRRADIATED INVADERS...
"...BUT THE ONLY FORCE STRONG ENOUGH TO POWER MY ATLAS-INSPIRED AUTOMATONS ...
"... ARE THE SPLIT HALVES OF THE CHAOS EMERALD WHICH STILL REMAIN ON KNOTHOLE ISLAND... "
...DEEP IN THE MONSTERS' LAIR.
DON'T WORRY, KINTOBOR--I'VE GOT A PLAN!

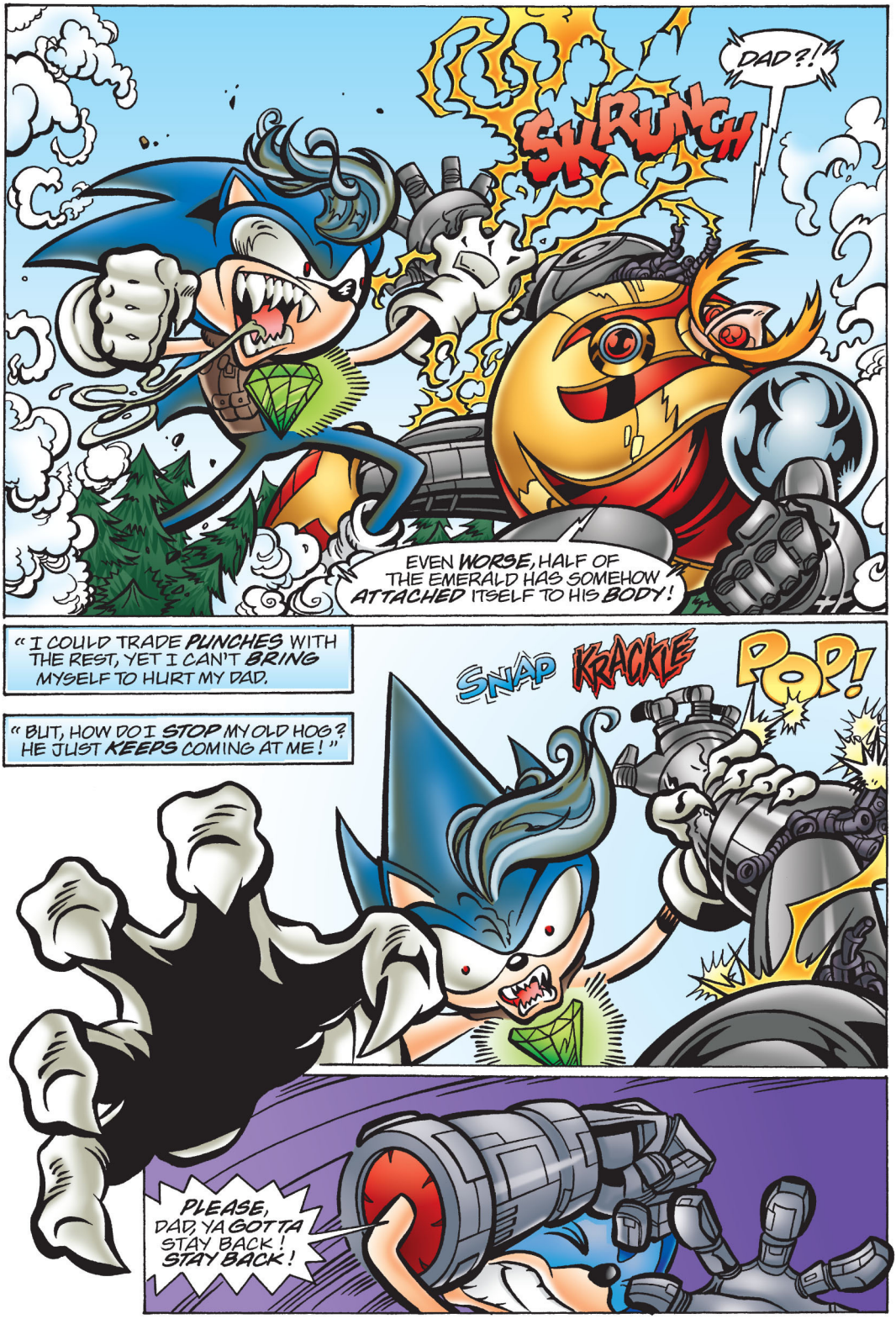

DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THERE'S ENOUGH, AS YOU SAY, "JUICE" IN YOUR LEGS TO POWER "GIANT ROBOTNO?"
NO PROBLEMO!
YOU DON'T LIKE ME MUCH, DO YOU?
IN MY WORLD, YOU'RE THE WORST BEING I EVER MET.
WHAT DID I--I MEAN, HE DO TO YOU?
BETRAYED THE KINGDOM. ROBOTICIZED MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ENSLAVED MY PLANET.
THAT KIND OF STUFF.
I-I'M SORRY.
DON'T BE--


--HE ISN'T!
SEVERAL MINUTES LATER...
THERE IT IS--KNOTHOLE ISLAND!
AND IT'S A GOOD THING--MY LEGS'RE STARTING TO GET TIRED!
BETTER FIND ONE OF THOSE CHAOS PIECES SOON--
--EVEN I CAN'T KEEP THIS UP FOR THAT MUCH LONGER!


BUT WHERE'S THE MONSTERS' LAIR, ANYWAY?
I MEAN, IT'S NOT EXACTLY LIKE OL KINTOBOR GAVE ME A MAP LEADING RIGHT TO--
NO WAY.
"TAILS, KNUCKLES, AMY, ROTOR, AND EVEN SALLY --ALL OF MY FREEDOM FIGHTING FRIENDS--
"--TURNED INTO HIDEOUS MONSTERS! WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PLACE?"


"HAS EVERYONE I CARE ABOUT BEEN MUTATED IN THIS CRAZY ZONE?"
THWACK!
KLONK
SOK

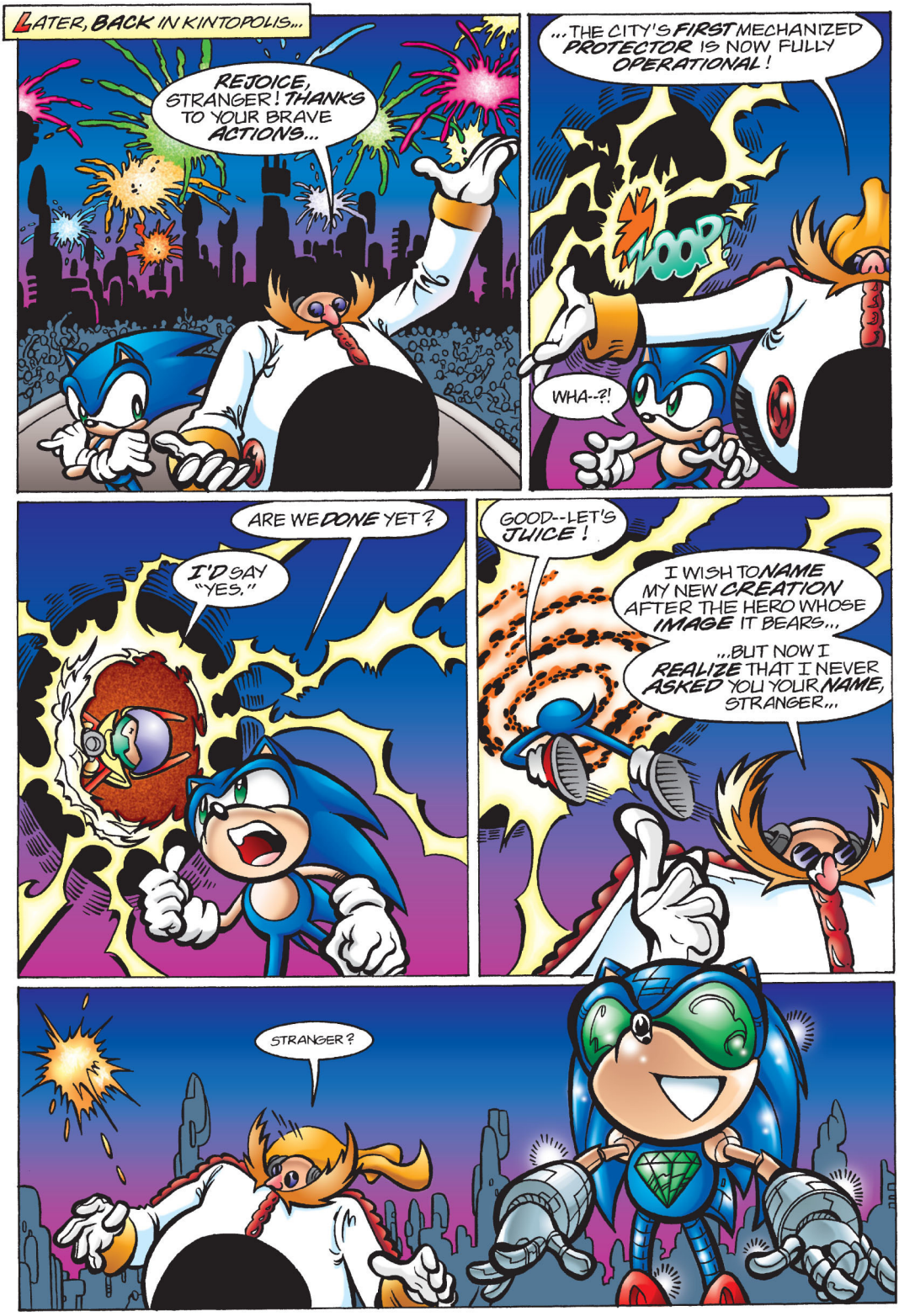
I CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE OF THIS!
FWOOM!
NOT ONLY AM I LOSING SPEED...
...BUT FIGHTING MY BEST BUDS IS TOO MUCH FOR ME TO HANDLE!
K-ZARK!
WHUD
GOTTA FIND THAT CHAOS EMERALD--
ROWWRR!
UH-OH! COULD THAT BE THIS ZONE'S VERSION OF ME? OR...

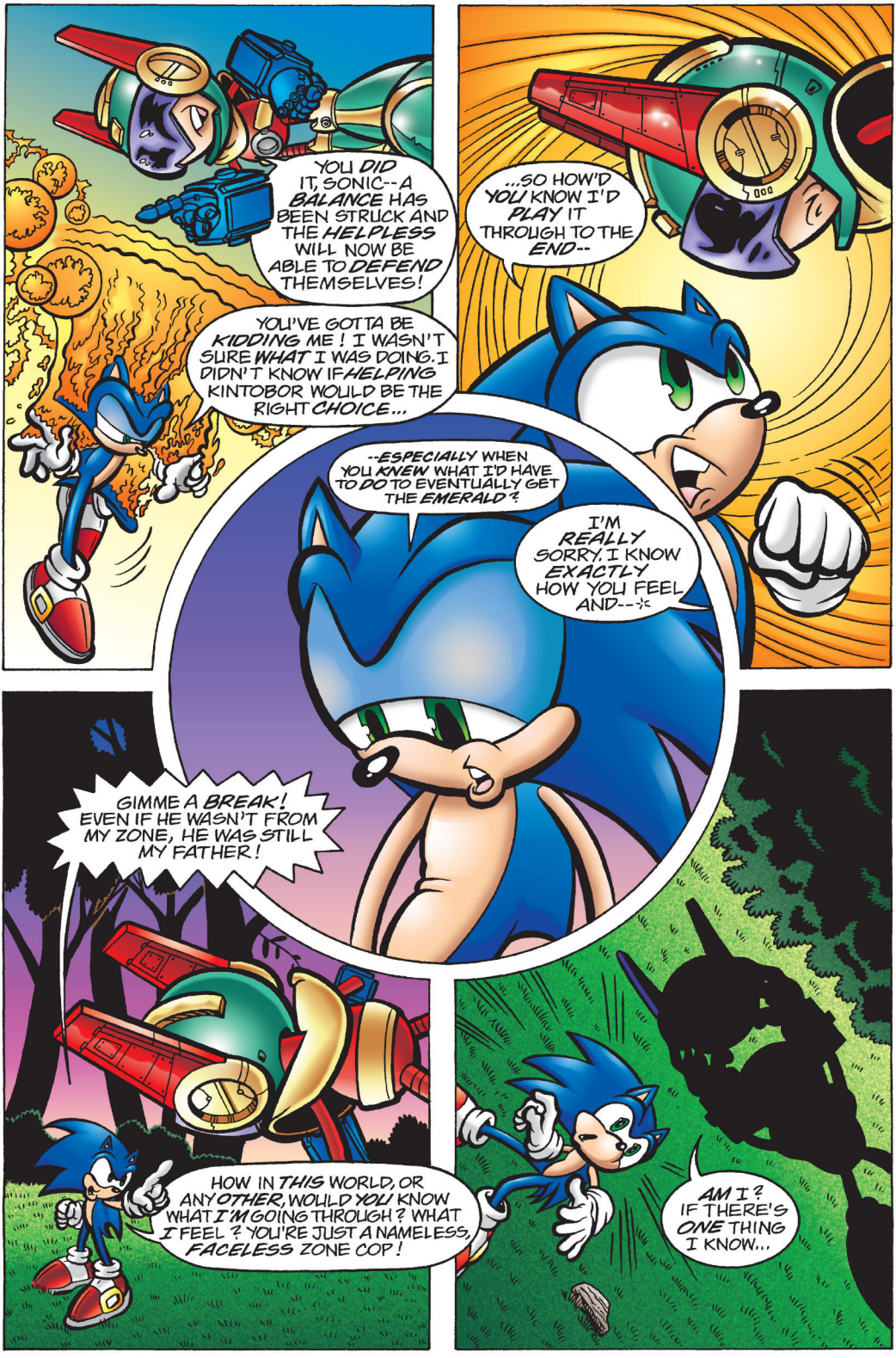

SKRUNCH
DAD?!
EVEN WORSE, HALF OF THE EMERALD HAS SOMEHOW ATTACHED ITSELF TO HIS BODY!
"I COULD TRADE PUNCHES WITH THE REST, YET I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO HURT MY DAD.
"BUT, HOW DO I STOP MY OLD HOG? HE JUST KEEPS COMING AT ME!"
SNAP
KRACKLE
POP!
PLEASE, DAD, YA GOTTA STAY BACK! STAY BACK!

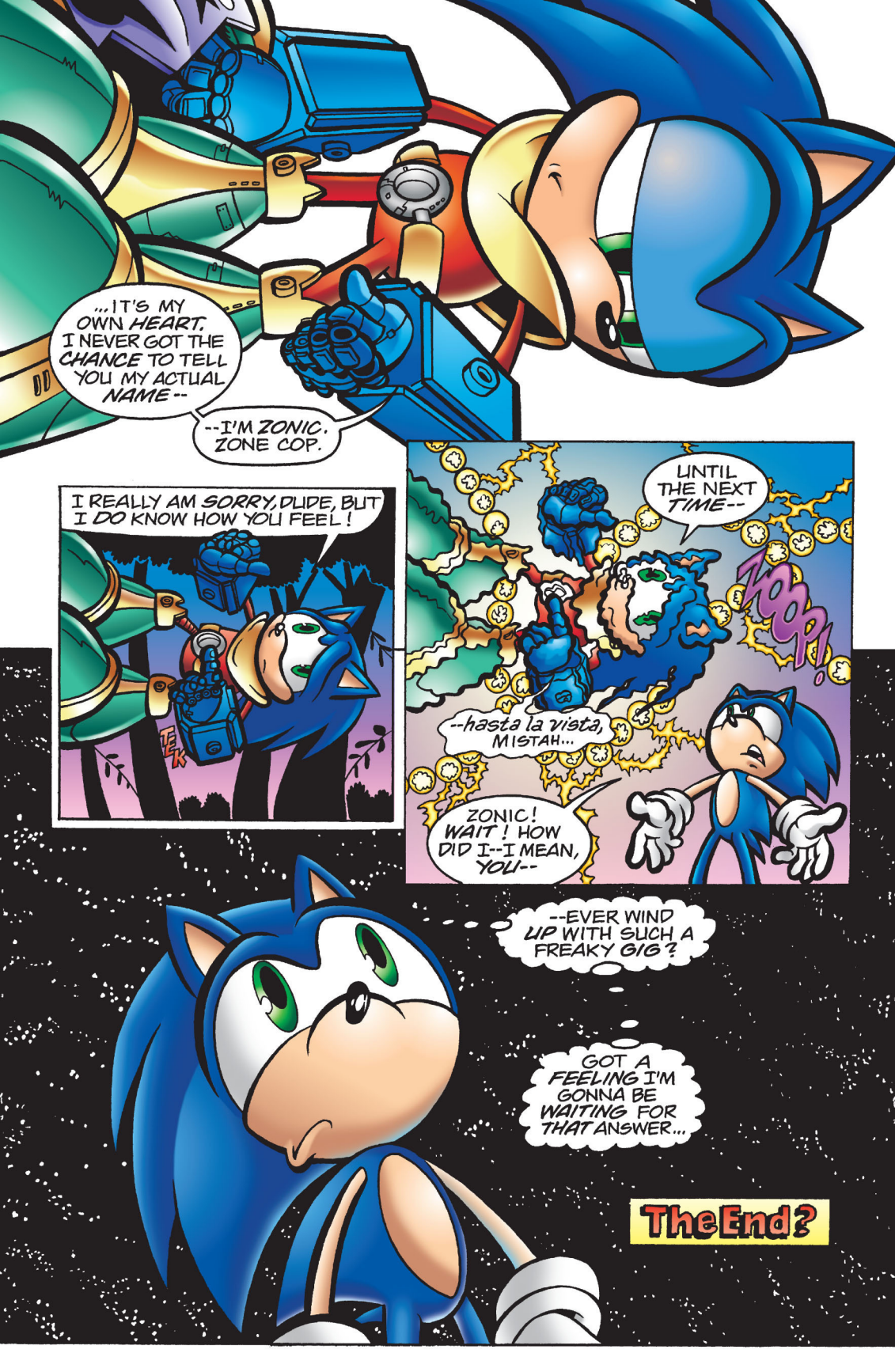
ROWWR!
HUH? DAD? WHAT HAPPENED?
DAD!!!
I DIDN'T MEAN TO--
--I--I--
THUD

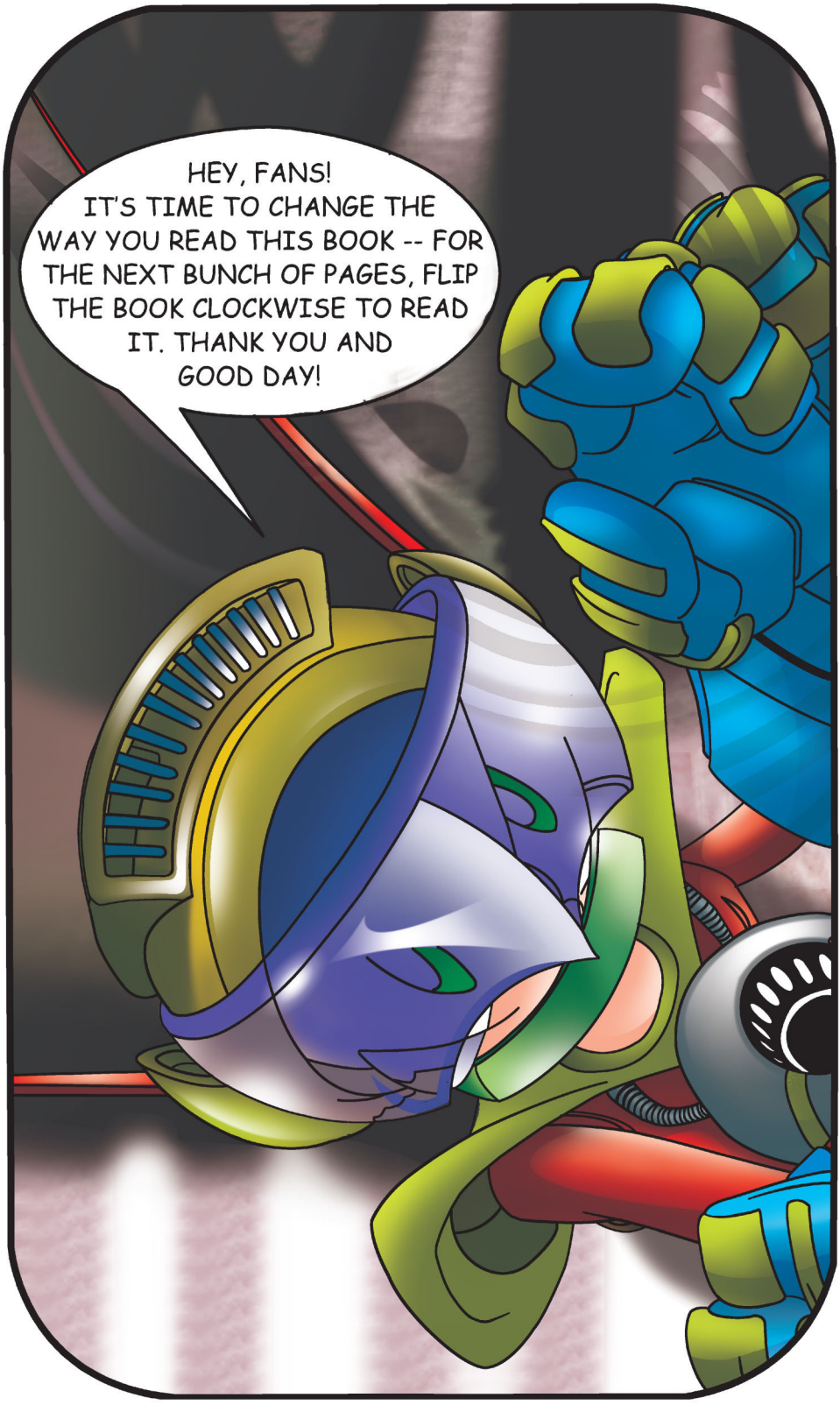
NOOOOOO!!!
AND, AS THE ANGUISHED SONIC SOARS OFF...

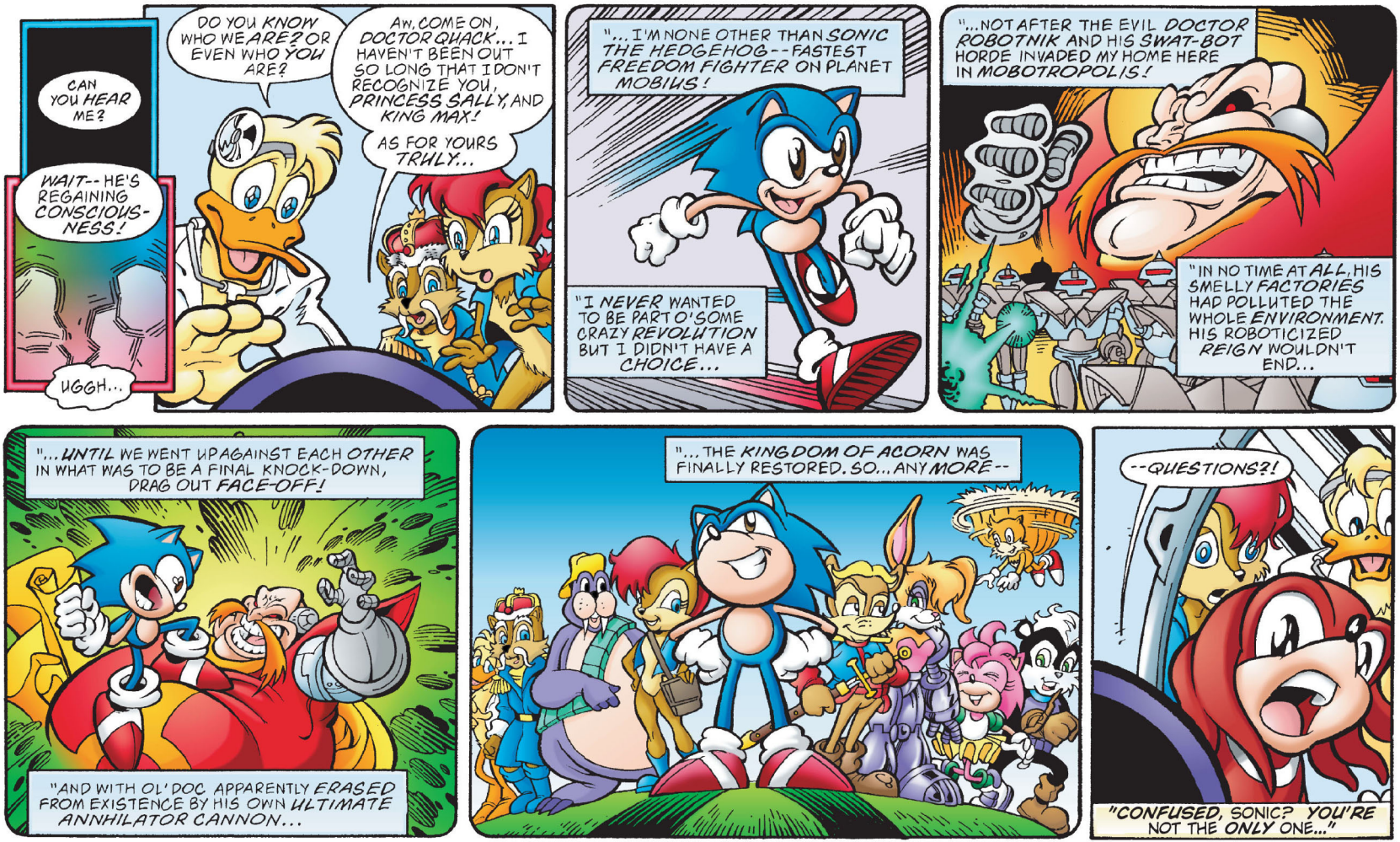
... A SECOND GROTESQUE FIGURE EMERGES INTO THE CLEARING, THE OTHER HALF-EMERALD AFFIXED TO ITS OWN CHEST !
RAARRGH ?
RAAARGGHH!

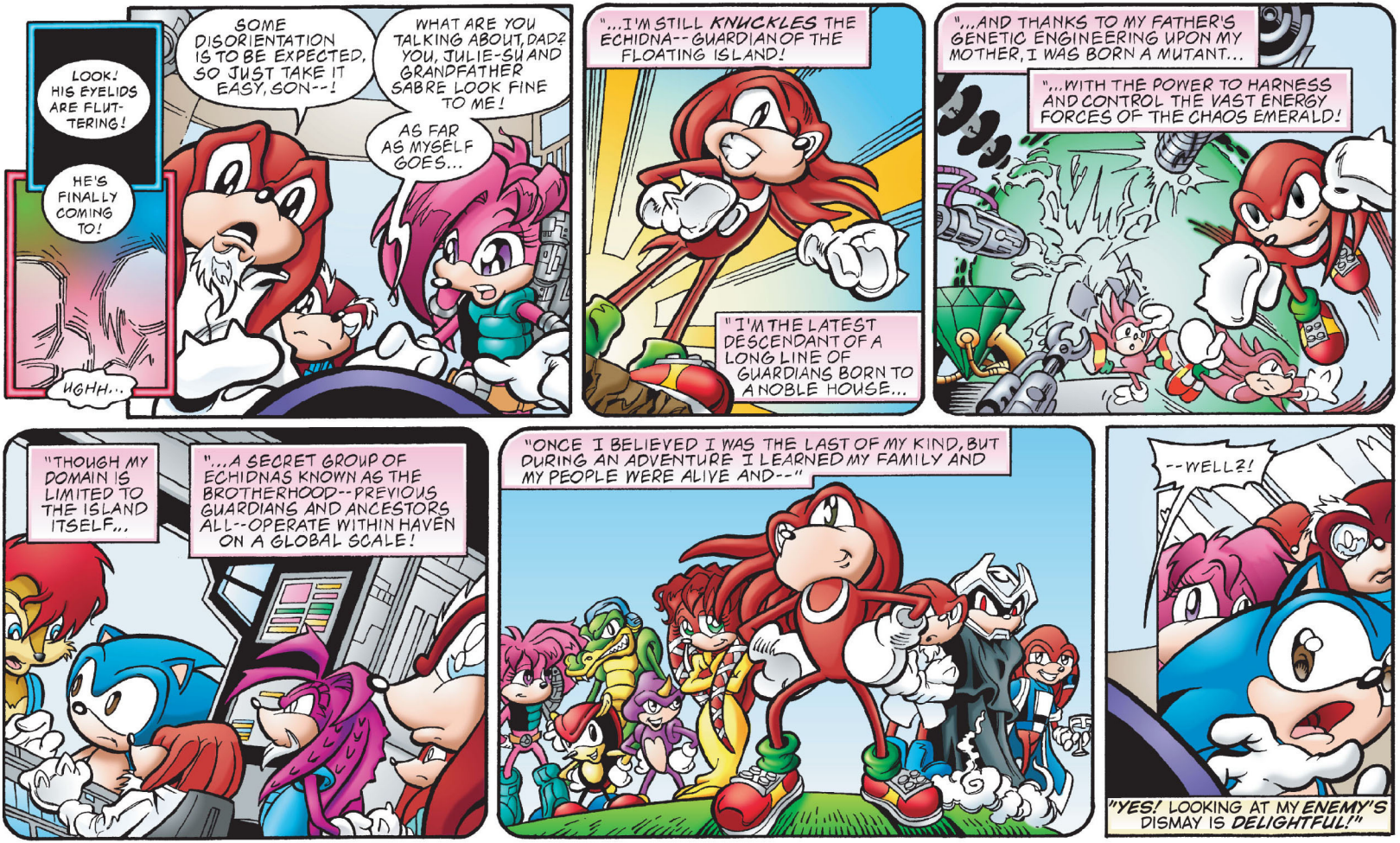

LATER, BACK IN KINTOPOLIS...
REJOICE, STRANGER! THANKS TO YOUR BRAVE ACTIONS...
...THE CITY'S FIRST MECHANIZED PROTECTOR IS NOW FULLY OPERATIONAL!
WOOP!
WHA--?!
ARE WE DONE YET?
I'D SAY "YES."
GOOD--LET'S JUICE!
I WISH TO NAME MY NEW CREATION AFTER THE HERO WHOSE IMAGE IT BEARS...
...BUT NOW I REALIZE THAT I NEVER ASKED YOU YOUR NAME, STRANGER...
STRANGER?

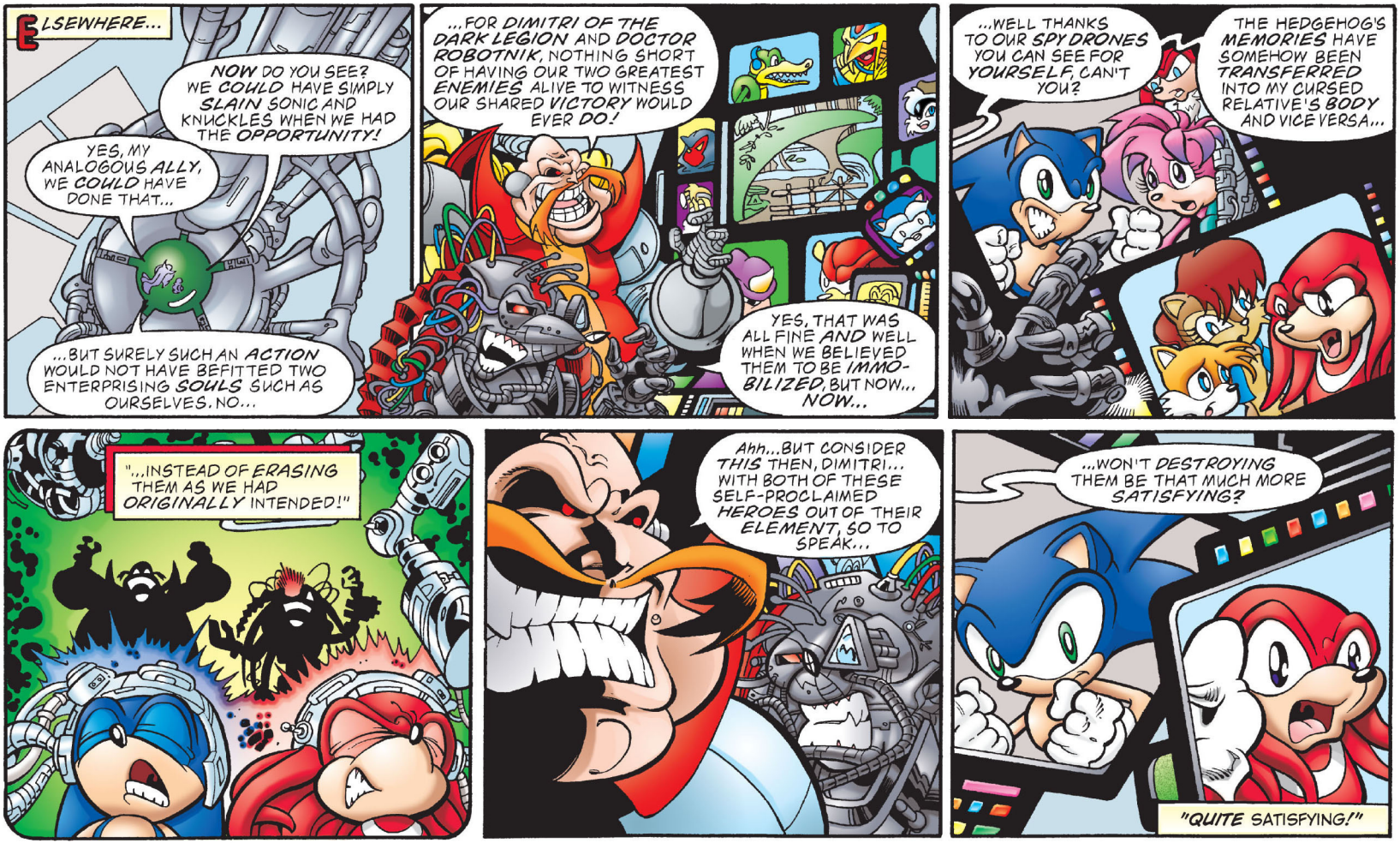

YOU DID IT, SONIC--A BALANCE HAS BEEN STRUCK AND THE HELPLESS WILL NOW BE ABLE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES!
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME! I WASN'T SURE WHAT I WAS DOING. I DIDN'T KNOW IF HELPING KINTOBOR WOULD BE THE RIGHT CHOICE...
...SO HOW'D YOU KNOW I'D PLAY IT THROUGH TO THE END--
--ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU KNEW WHAT I'D HAVE TO DO TO EVENTUALLY GET THE EMERALD?
I'M REALLY SORRY. I KNOW EXACTLY HOW YOU FEEL AND--
GIMME A BREAK! EVEN IF HE WASN'T FROM MY ZONE, HE WAS STILL MY FATHER!
HOW IN THIS WORLD, OR ANY OTHER, WOULD YOU KNOW WHAT I'M GOING THROUGH? WHAT I FEEL? YOU'RE JUST A NAMELESS, FACELESS ZONE COP!
AM I? IF THERE'S ONE THING I KNOW...

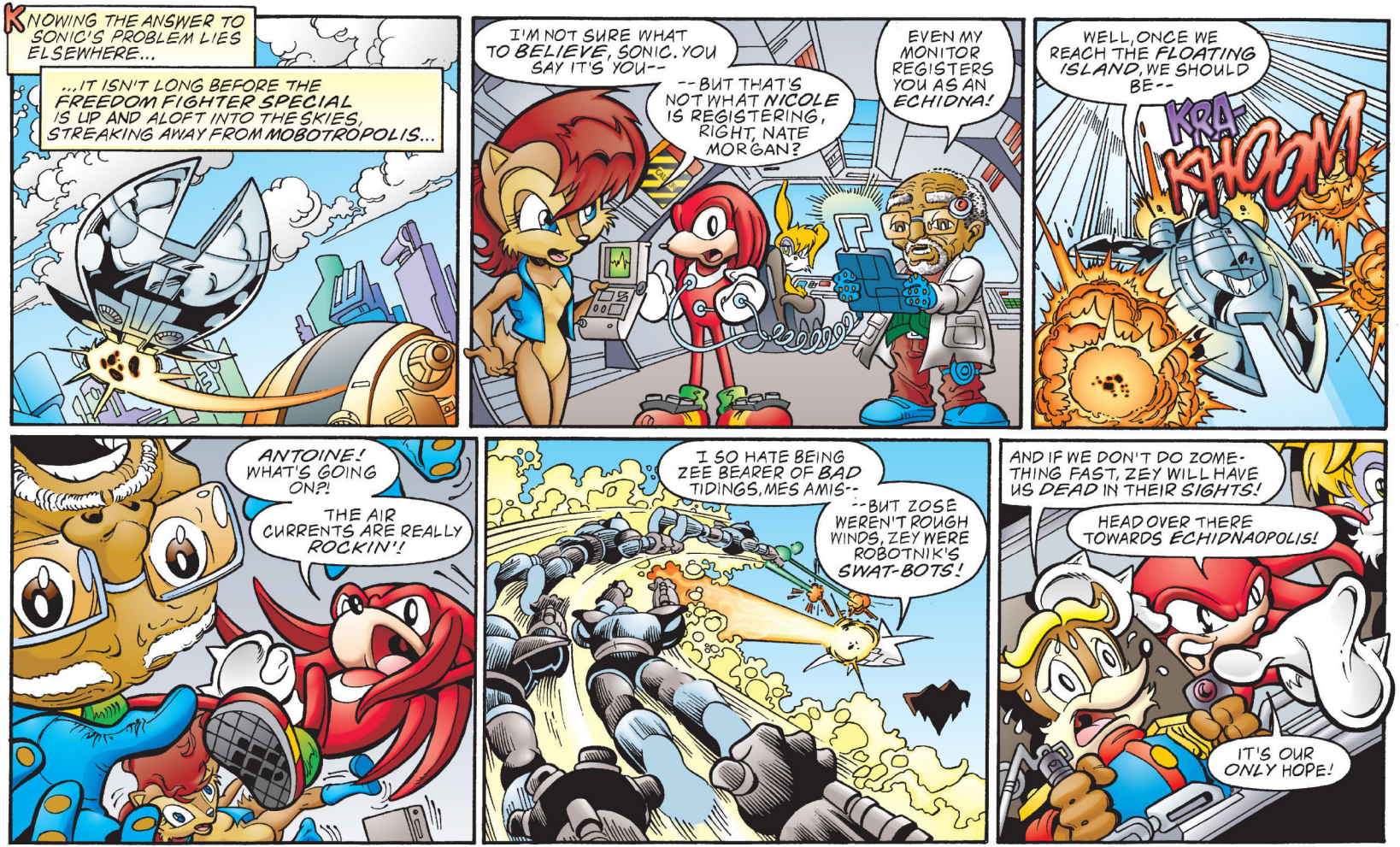

...IT'S MY OWN HEART. I NEVER GOT THE CHANCE TO TELL YOU MY ACTUAL NAME--
--I'M ZONIC. ZONE COP.
I REALLY AM SORRY, DUDE, BUT I DO KNOW HOW YOU FEEL!
TEK
UNTIL THE NEXT TIME--
ZOOP!
--hasta la vista, MISTAH...
ZONIC! WAIT! HOW DID I--I MEAN, YOU--
--EVER WIND UP WITH SUCH A FREAKY GIG?
GOT A FEELING I'M GONNA BE WAITING FOR THAT ANSWER...
The End?

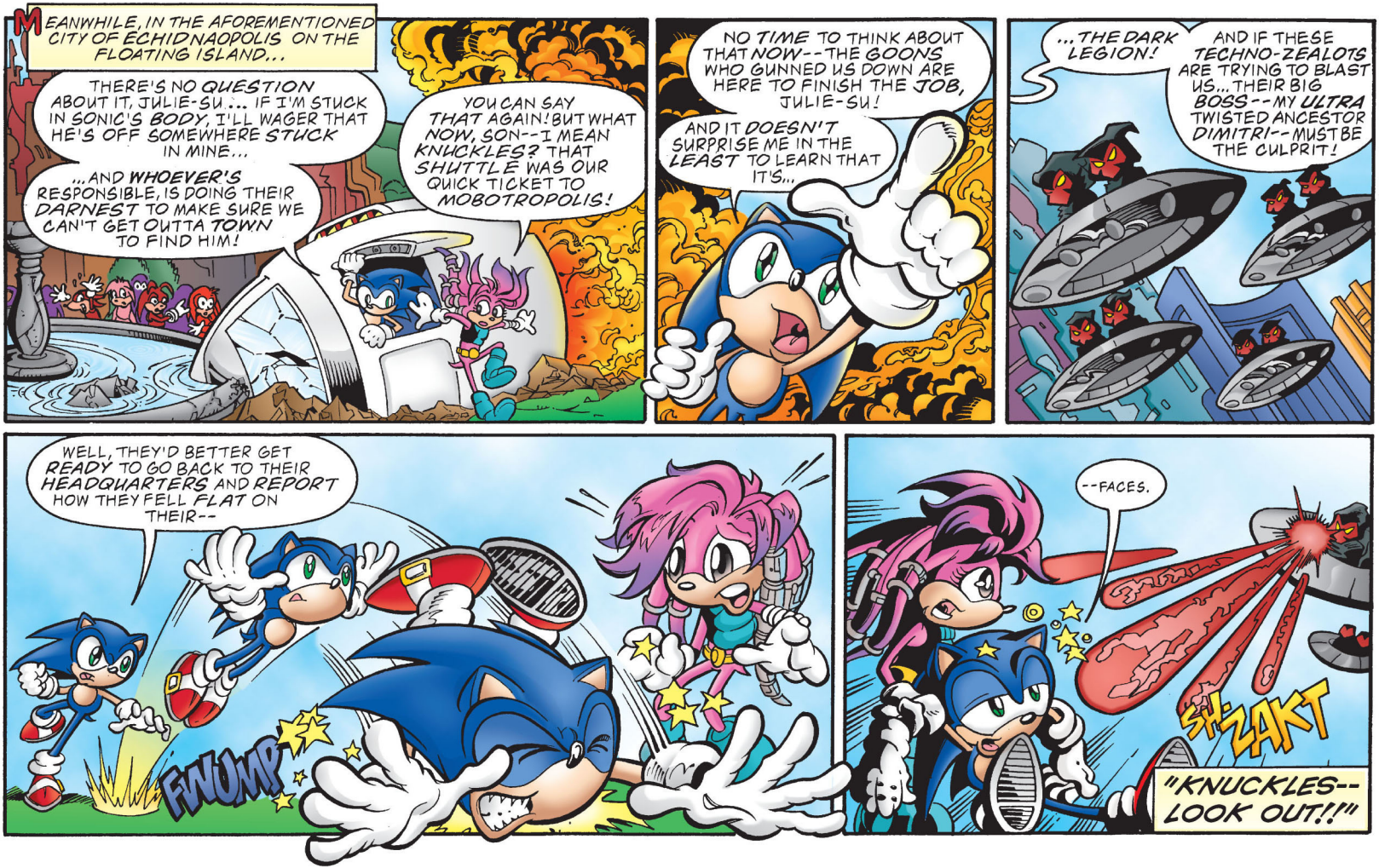

HEY, FANS!
IT'S TIME TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU READ THIS BOOK -- FOR THE NEXT BUNCH OF PAGES, FLIP THE BOOK CLOCKWISE TO READ IT. THANK YOU AND GOOD DAY!

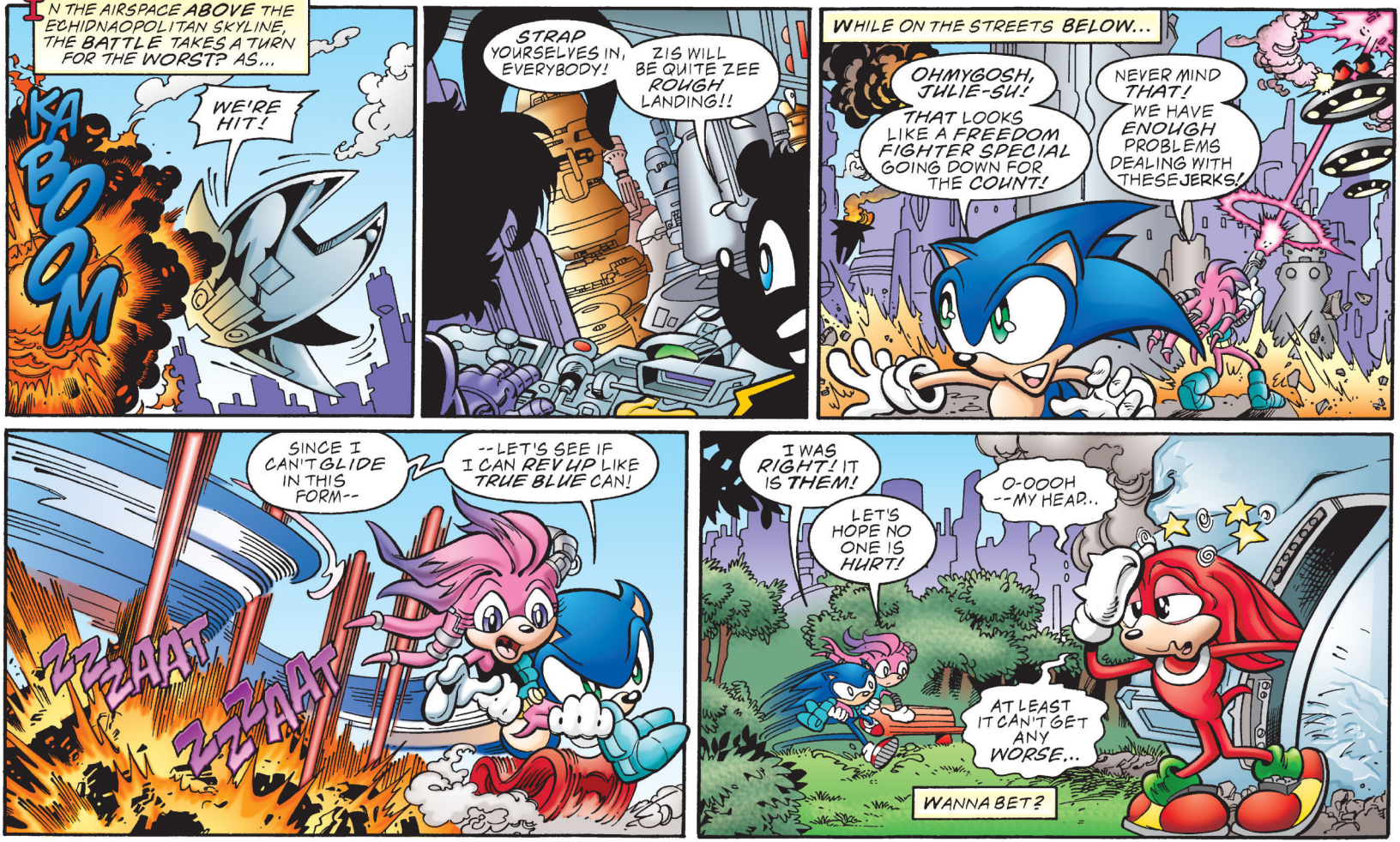

CAN YOU HEAR ME?
WAIT-- HE'S REGAINING CONSCIOUS-NESS!
UGGH...
DO YOU KNOW WHO WE ARE? OR EVEN WHO YOU ARE?
AW, COME ON, DOCTOR QUACK... I HAVEN'T BEEN OUT SO LONG THAT I DON'T RECOGNIZE YOU, PRINCESS SALLY, AND KING MAX!
AS FOR YOURS TRULY...
"... I'M NONE OTHER THAN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG -- FASTEST FREEDOM FIGHTER ON PLANET MOBIUS!
"I NEVER WANTED TO BE PART O'SOME CRAZY REVOLUTION BUT I DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE...
"...NOT AFTER THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK AND HIS SWAT-BOT HORDE INVADED MY HOME HERE IN MOBOTROPOLIS!
"IN NO TIME AT ALL, HIS SMELLY FACTORIES HAD POLLUTED THE WHOLE ENVIRONMENT. HIS ROBOTICIZED REIGN WOULDN'T END...
"... UNTIL WE WENT UPAGAINST EACH OTHER IN WHAT WAS TO BE A FINAL KNOCK-DOWN, DRAG OUT FACE-OFF!
"AND WITH OL' DOC APPARENTLY ERASED FROM EXISTENCE BY HIS OWN ULTIMATE ANNHILATOR CANNON...
"... THE KINGDOM OF ACORN WAS FINALLY RESTORED. SO... ANY MORE --
--QUESTIONS?!
"CONFUSED, SONIC? YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE..."

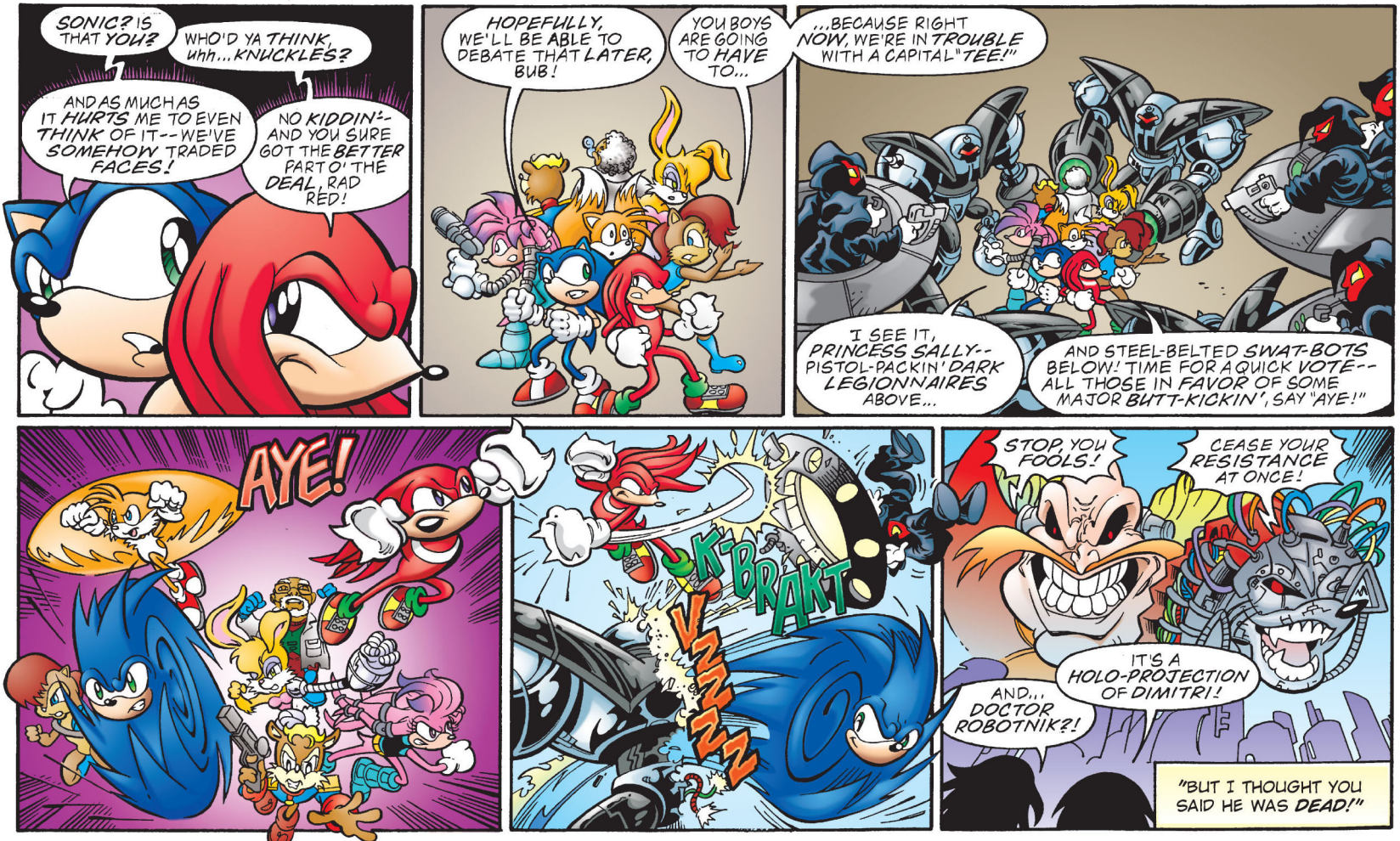

LOOK! HIS EYELIDS ARE FLUTTERING!
HE'S FINALLY COMING TO!
UGHH...
SOME DISORIENTATION IS TO BE EXPECTED, SO JUST TAKE IT EASY, SON--!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, DAD? YOU, JULIE-SU AND GRANDFATHER SABRE LOOK FINE TO ME!
AS FAR AS MYSELF GOES...
"...I'M STILL KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA-- GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND!
"I'M THE LATEST DESCENDANT OF A LONG LINE OF GUARDIANS BORN TO A NOBLE HOUSE...
"...AND THANKS TO MY FATHER'S GENETIC ENGINEERING UPON MY MOTHER, I WAS BORN A MUTANT...
"...WITH THE POWER TO HARNESS AND CONTROL THE VAST ENERGY FORCES OF THE CHAOS EMERALD!
"THOUGH MY DOMAIN IS LIMITED TO THE ISLAND ITSELF...
"...A SECRET GROUP OF ECHIDNAS KNOWN AS THE BROTHERHOOD-- PREVIOUS GUARDIANS AND ANCESTORS ALL-- OPERATE WITHIN HAVEN ON A GLOBAL SCALE!
"ONCE I BELIEVED I WAS THE LAST OF MY KIND, BUT DURING AN ADVENTURE I LEARNED MY FAMILY AND MY PEOPLE WERE ALIVE AND--"
--WELL?!
"YES! LOOKING AT MY ENEMY'S DISMAY IS DELIGHTFUL!"

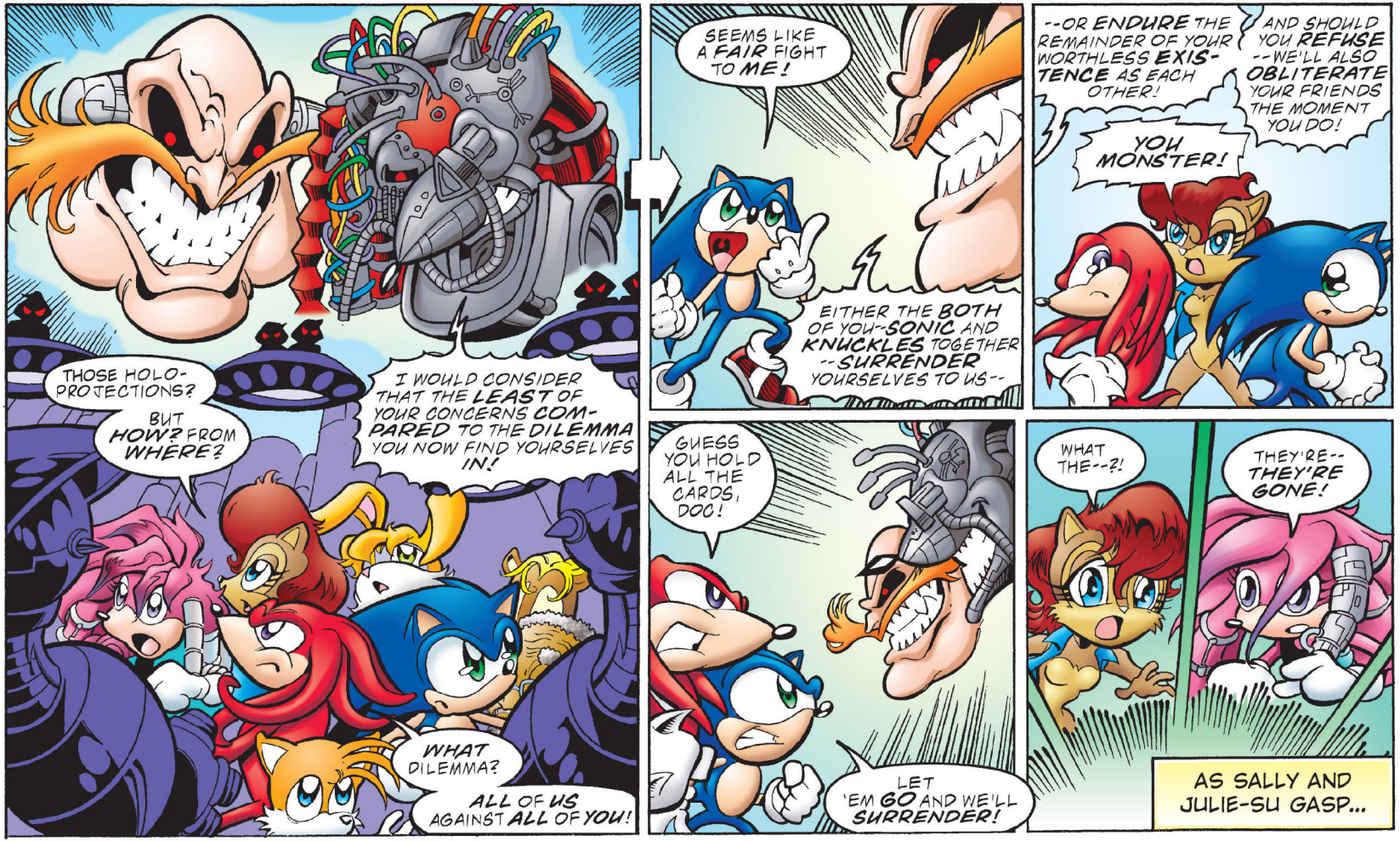

ELSEWHERE...
NOW DO YOU SEE? WE COULD HAVE SIMPLY SLAIN SONIC AND KNUCKLES WHEN WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY!
YES, MY ANALOGOUS ALLY, WE COULD HAVE DONE THAT...
...BUT SURELY SUCH AN ACTION WOULD NOT HAVE BEFITTED TWO ENTERPRISING SOULS SUCH AS OURSELVES. NO...
...FOR DIMITRI OF THE DARK LEGION AND DOCTOR ROBOTNIK, NOTHING SHORT OF HAVING OUR TWO GREATEST ENEMIES ALIVE TO WITNESS OUR SHARED VICTORY WOULD EVER DO!
YES, THAT WAS ALL FINE AND WELL WHEN WE BELIEVED THEM TO BE IMMOBILIZED, BUT NOW... NOW...
...WELL THANKS TO OUR SPY DRONES YOU CAN SEE FOR YOURSELF, CAN'T YOU?
THE HEDGEHOG'S MEMORIES HAVE SOMEHOW BEEN TRANSFERRED INTO MY CURSED RELATIVE'S BODY AND VICE VERSA...
"...INSTEAD OF ERASING THEM AS WE HAD ORIGINALLY INTENDED!"
Ahh...BUT CONSIDER THIS THEN, DIMITRI... WITH BOTH OF THESE SELF-PROCLAIMED HEROES OUT OF THEIR ELEMENT, SO TO SPEAK...
...WON'T DESTROYING THEM BE THAT MUCH MORE SATISFYING?
"QUITE SATISFYING!"

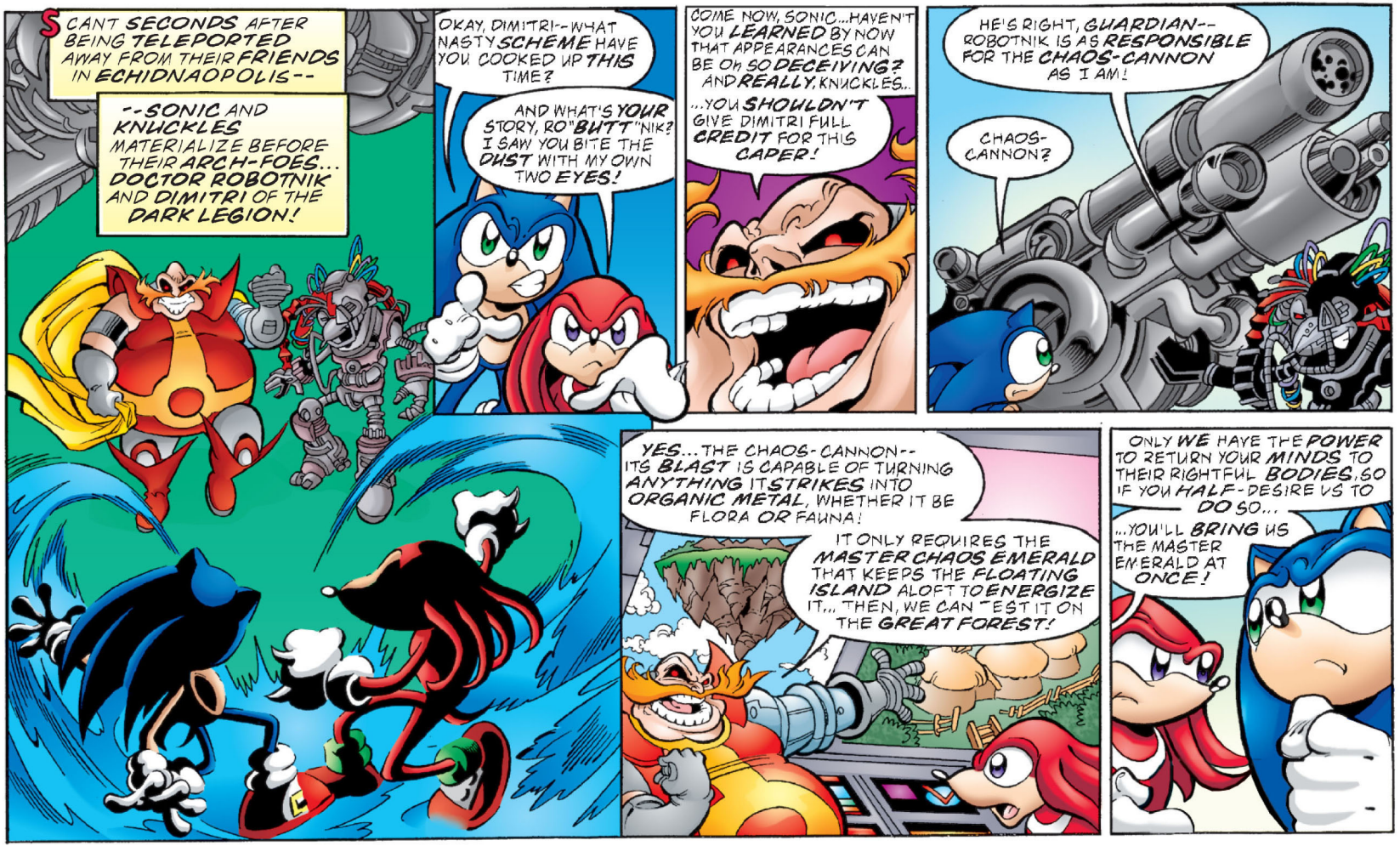

KNOWING THE ANSWER TO SONIC'S PROBLEM LIES ELSEWHERE...
...IT ISN'T LONG BEFORE THE FREEDOM FIGHTER SPECIAL IS UP AND ALOFT INTO THE SKIES, STREAKING AWAY FROM MOBOTROPOLIS...
I'M NOT SURE WHAT TO BELIEVE, SONIC. YOU SAY IT'S YOU--
--BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT NICOLE IS REGISTERING, RIGHT, NATE MORGAN?
EVEN MY MONITOR REGISTERS YOU AS AN ECHIDNA!
WELL, ONCE WE REACH THE FLOATING ISLAND, WE SHOULD BE--
KRA-KHOOM!
ANTOINE! WHAT'S GOING ON?!
THE AIR CURRENTS ARE REALLY ROCKIN'!
I SO HATE BEING ZEE BEARER OF BAD TIDINGS, MES AMIS--
--BUT ZOSE WEREN'T ROUGH WINDS, ZEY WERE ROBOTNIK'S SWAT-BOTS!
AND IF WE DON'T DO ZOMETHING FAST, ZEY WILL HAVE US DEAD IN THEIR SIGHTS!
HEAD OVER THERE TOWARDS ECHIDNAOPOLIS!
IT'S OUR ONLY HOPE!

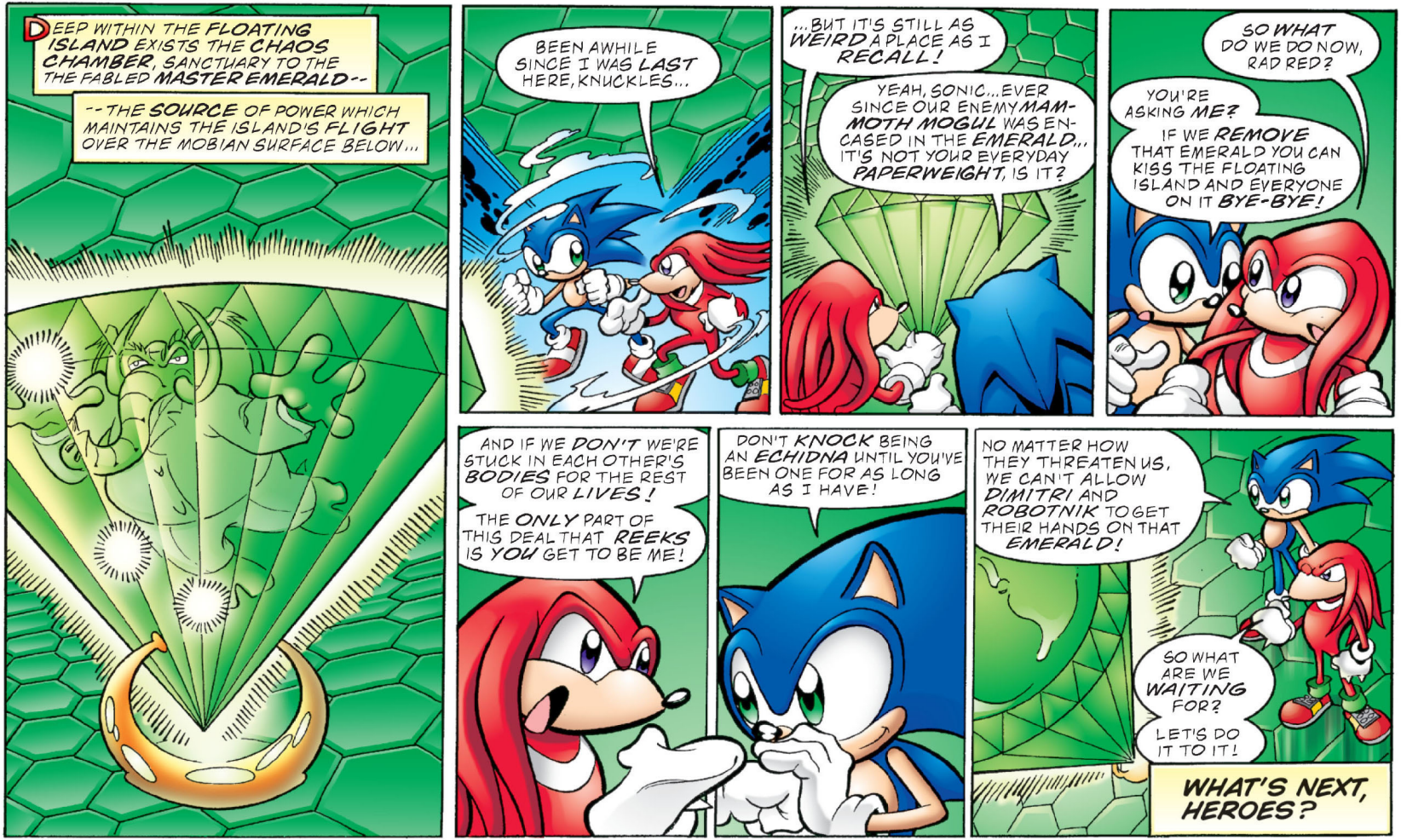

MEANWHILE, IN THE AFOREMENTIONED CITY OF ECHIDNAOPOLIS ON THE FLOATING ISLAND...
THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT IT, JULIE-SU... IF I'M STUCK IN SONIC'S BODY, I'LL WAGER THAT HE'S OFF SOMEWHERE STUCK IN MINE...
...AND WHOEVER'S RESPONSIBLE, IS DOING THEIR DARNEST TO MAKE SURE WE CAN'T GET OUTTA TOWN TO FIND HIM!
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN! BUT WHAT NOW, SON--I MEAN KNUCKLES? THAT SHUTTLE WAS OUR QUICK TICKET TO MOBOTROPOLIS!
NO TIME TO THINK ABOUT THAT NOW--THE GOONS WHO GUNNED US DOWN ARE HERE TO FINISH THE JOB, JULIE-SU!
AND IT DOESN'T SURPRISE ME IN THE LEAST TO LEARN THAT IT'S...
...THE DARK LEGION!
AND IF THESE TECHNO-ZEALOTS ARE TRYING TO BLAST US... THEIR BIG BOSS--MY ULTRA TWISTED ANCESTOR DIMITRI--MUST BE THE CULPRIT!
WELL, THEY'D BETTER GET READY TO GO BACK TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS AND REPORT HOW THEY FELL FLAT ON THEIR--
FWUMP
--FACES.
SH-ZAKT
"KNUCKLES--LOOK OUT!!"

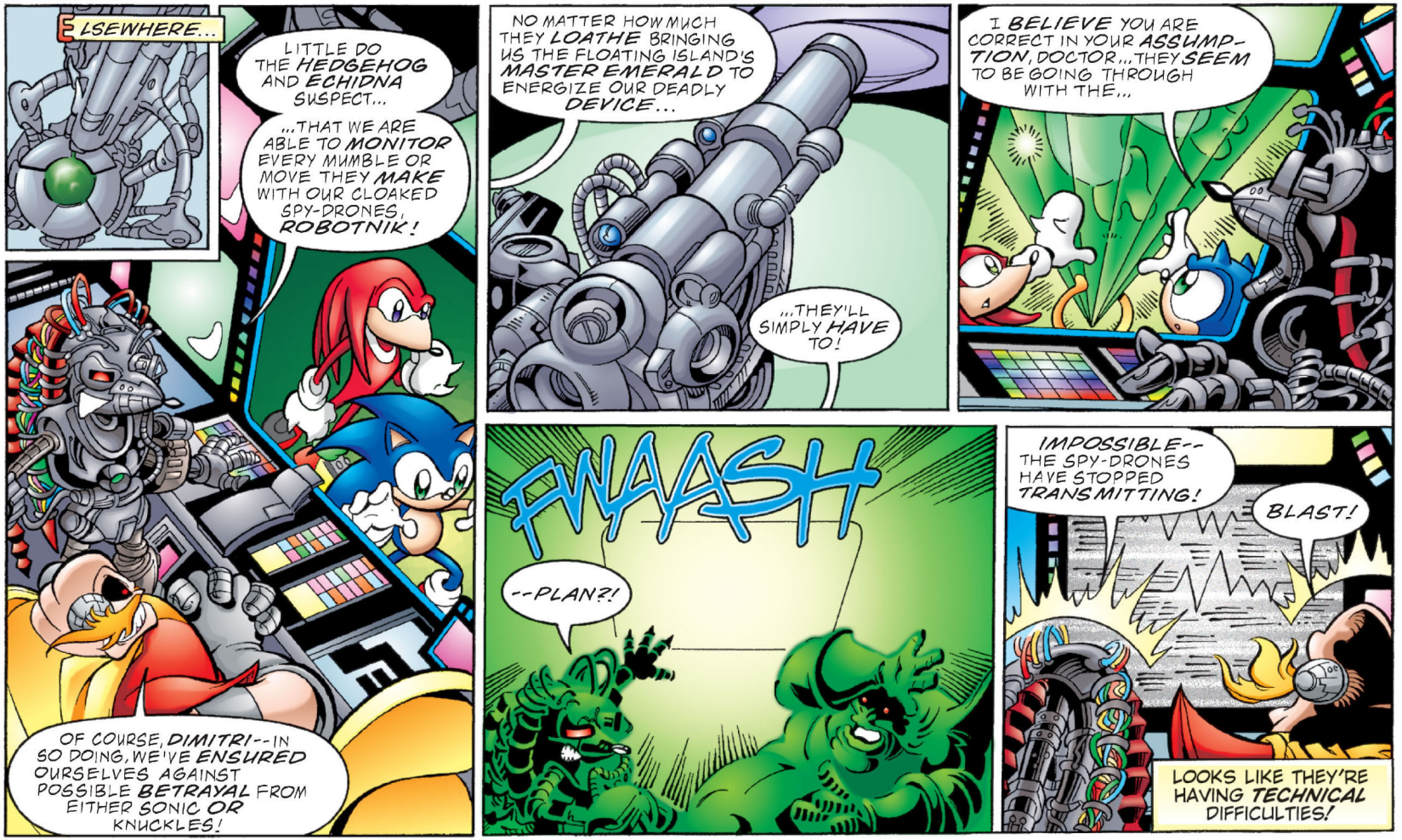

IN THE AIRSPACE ABOVE THE ECHIDNAOPOLITAN SKYLINE, THE BATTLE TAKES A TURN FOR THE WORST? AS...
KA BOOM
WE'RE HIT!
STRAP YOURSELVES IN, EVERYBODY!
ZIS WILL BE QUITE ZEE ROUGH LANDING!!
WHILE ON THE STREETS BELOW...
OHMYGOSH, JULIE-SU! THAT LOOKS LIKE A FREEDOM FIGHTER SPECIAL GOING DOWN FOR THE COUNT!
NEVER MIND THAT! WE HAVE ENOUGH PROBLEMS DEALING WITH THESE JERKS!
SINCE I CAN'T GLIDE IN THIS FORM--
--LET'S SEE IF I CAN REV UP LIKE TRUE BLUE CAN!
ZZZAAT
ZZZAAT
I WAS RIGHT! IT IS THEM!
LET'S HOPE NO ONE IS HURT!
O-OOOH --MY HEAD..
AT LEAST IT CAN'T GET ANY WORSE...
WANNA BET?

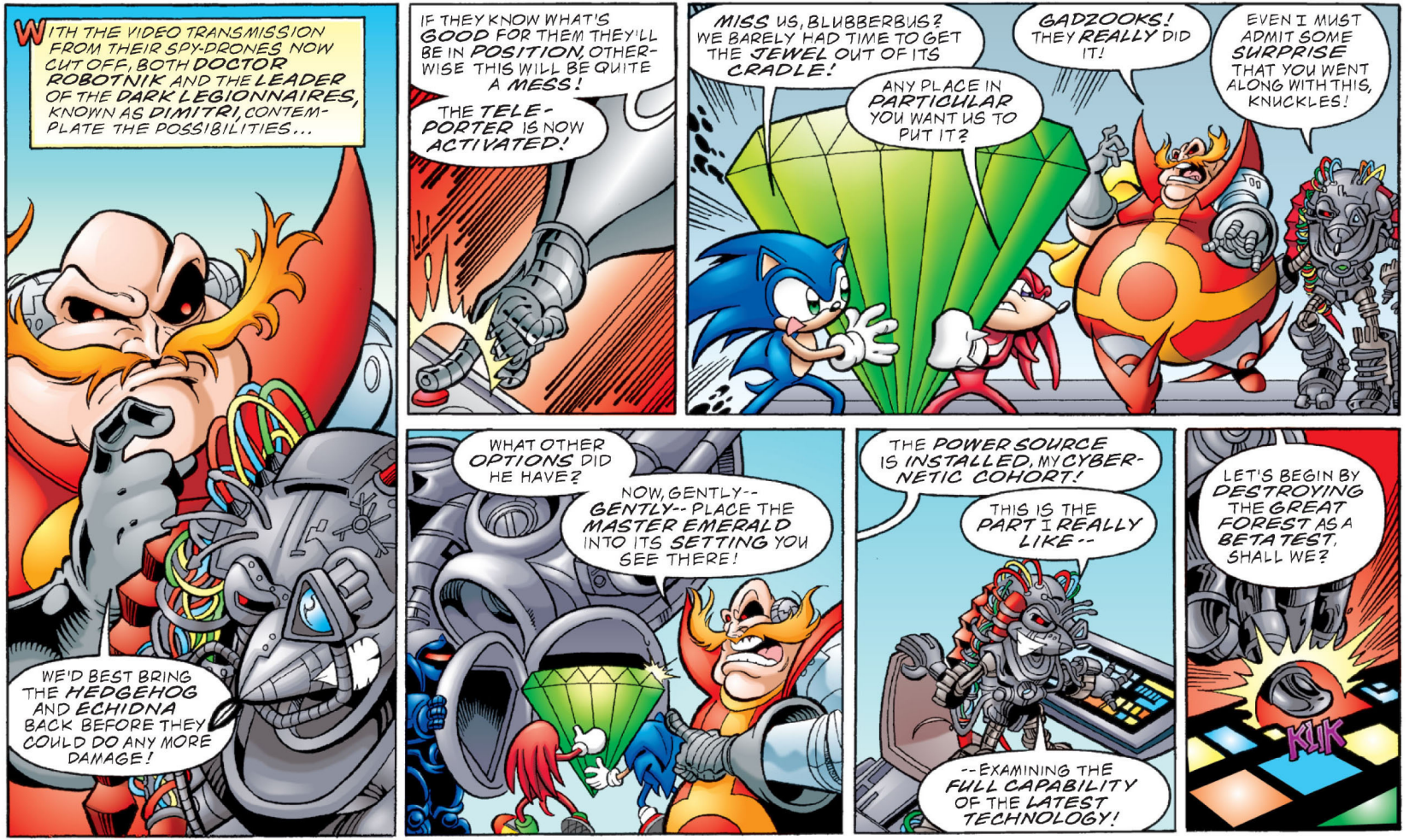

SONIC? IS THAT YOU?
WHO'D YA THINK, uhh... KNUCKLES?
AND AS MUCH AS IT HURTS ME TO EVEN THINK OF IT--WE'VE SOMEHOW TRADED FACES!
NO KIDDIN'-- AND YOU SURE GOT THE BETTER PART O' THE DEAL, RAD RED!
HOPEFULLY, WE'LL BE ABLE TO DEBATE THAT LATER, BUB!
YOU BOYS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO...
...BECAUSE RIGHT NOW, WE'RE IN TROUBLE WITH A CAPITAL "TEE!"
I SEE IT, PRINCESS SALLY-- PISTOL-PACKIN' DARK LEGIONNAIRES ABOVE...
AND STEEL-BELTED SWAT-BOTS BELOW! TIME FOR A QUICK VOTE-- ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF SOME MAJOR BUTT-KICKIN', SAY "AYE!"
AYE!
K-BRAKT
VZZZZ
STOP, YOU FOOLS!
CEASE YOUR RESISTANCE AT ONCE!
IT'S A HOLO-PROJECTION OF DIMITRI!
AND... DOCTOR ROBOTNIK?!
"BUT I THOUGHT YOU SAID HE WAS DEAD!"

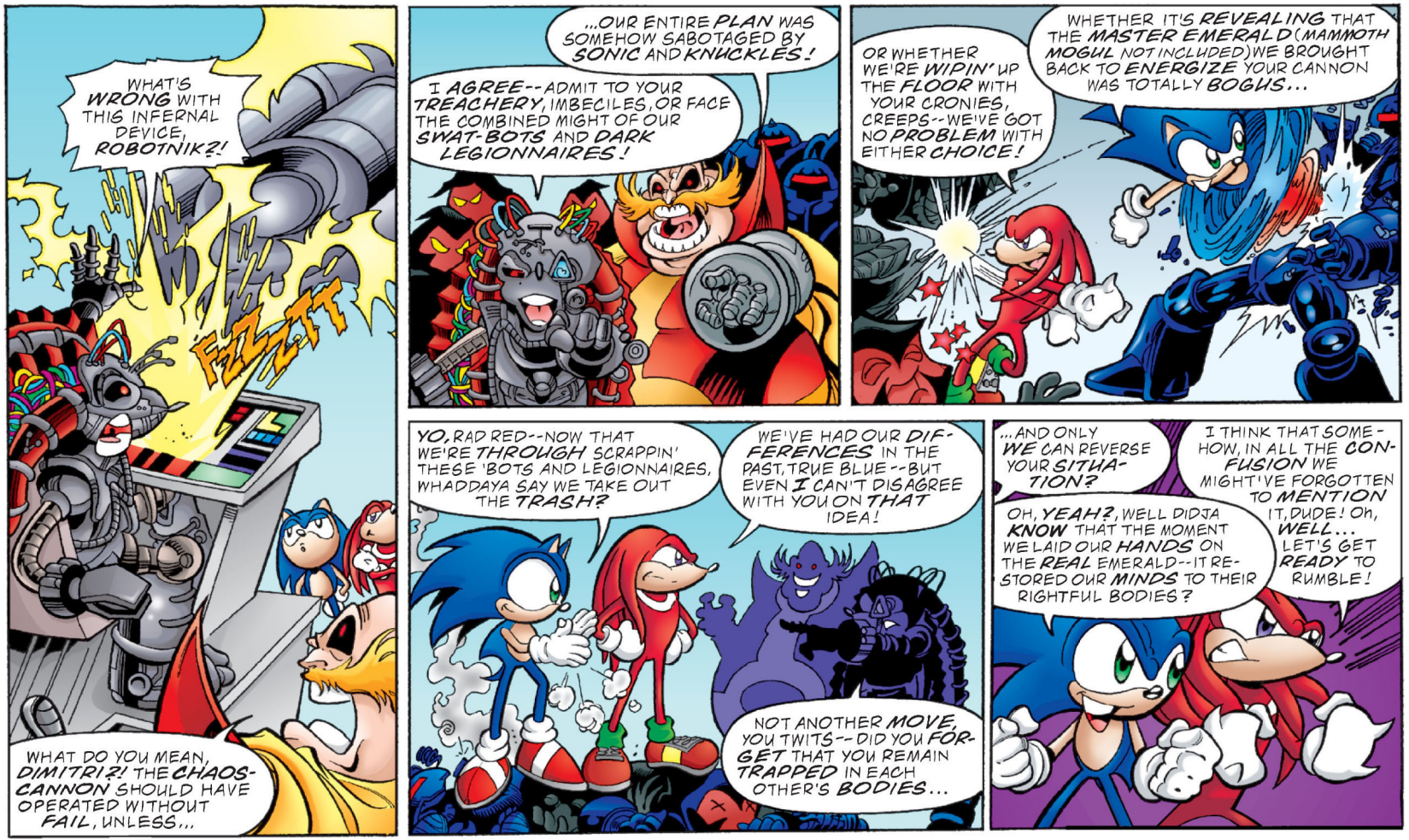

I WOULD CONSIDER THAT THE LEAST OF YOUR CONCERNS COMPARED TO THE DILEMMA YOU NOW FIND YOURSELVES IN!
THOSE HOLO-PROJECTIONS?
BUT HOW? FROM WHERE?
WHAT DILEMMA?
ALL OF US AGAINST ALL OF YOU!
SEEMS LIKE A FAIR FIGHT TO ME!
EITHER THE BOTH OF YOU--SONIC AND KNUCKLES TOGETHER --SURRENDER YOURSELVES TO US--
GUESS YOU HOLD ALL THE CARDS, DOC!
LET 'EM GO AND WE'LL SURRENDER!
--OR ENDURE THE REMAINDER OF YOUR WORTHLESS EXISTENCE AS EACH OTHER!
AND SHOULD YOU REFUSE --WE'LL ALSO OBLITERATE YOUR FRIENDS THE MOMENT YOU DO!
YOU MONSTER!
WHAT THE--?!
THEY'RE-- THEY'RE GONE!
AS SALLY AND JULIE-SU GASP...

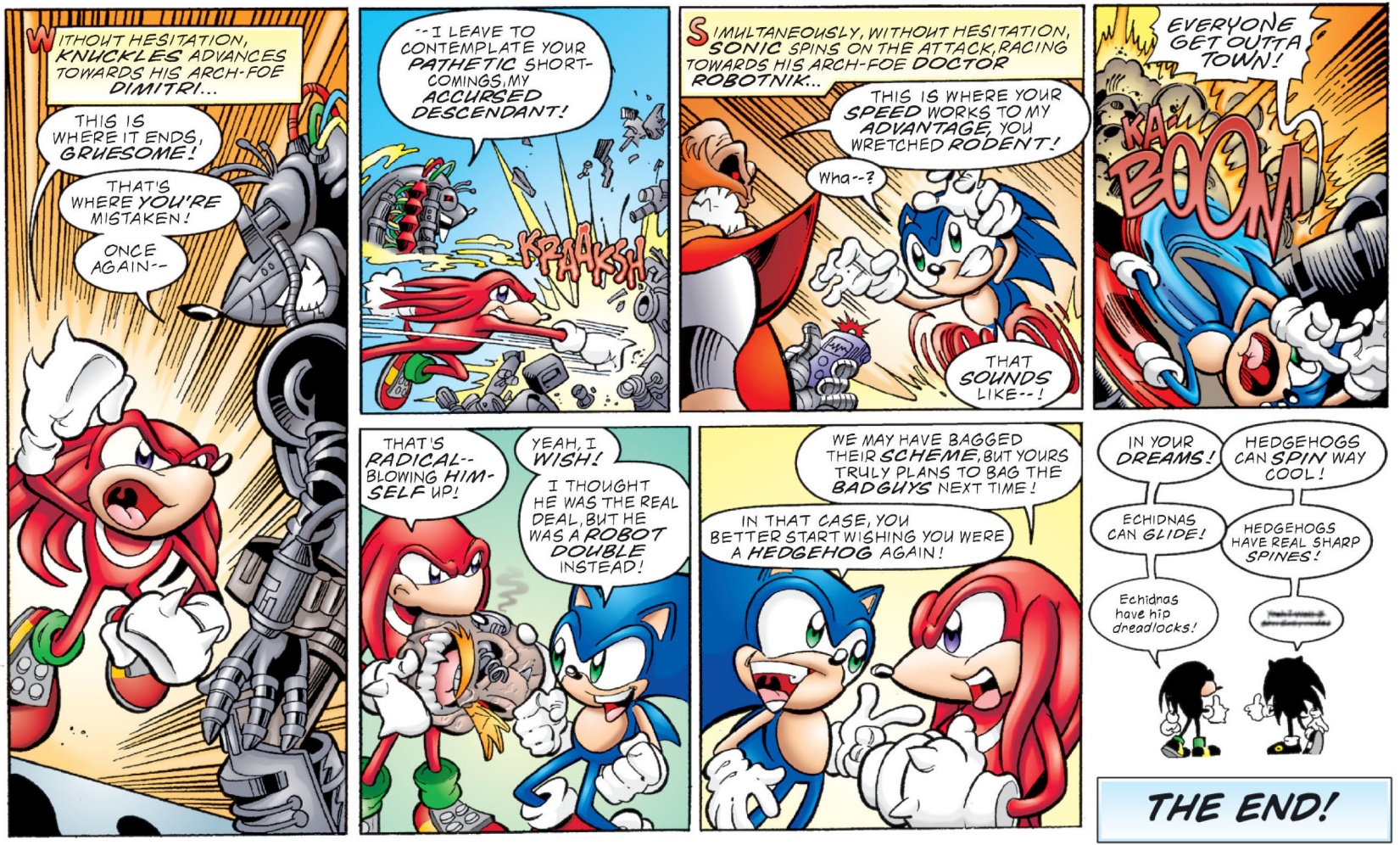

SCANT SECONDS AFTER BEING TELEPORTED AWAY FROM THEIR FRIENDS IN ECHIDNAOPOLIS--
--SONIC AND KNUCKLES MATERIALIZE BEFORE THEIR ARCH-FOES... DOCTOR ROBOTNIK AND DIMITRI OF THE DARK LEGION!
OKAY, DIMITRI--WHAT NASTY SCHEME HAVE YOU COOKED UP THIS TIME?
AND WHAT'S YOUR STORY, RO"BUTT"NIK? I SAW YOU BITE THE DUST WITH MY OWN TWO EYES!
COME NOW, SONIC...HAVEN'T YOU LEARNED BY NOW THAT APPEARANCES CAN BE Oh SO DECEIVING? AND REALLY, KNUCKLES...
...YOU SHOULDN'T GIVE DIMITRI FULL CREDIT FOR THIS CAPER!
HE'S RIGHT, GUARDIAN--ROBOTNIK IS AS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHAOS-CANNON AS I AM!
CHAOS-CANNON?
YES...THE CHAOS-CANNON--ITS BLAST IS CAPABLE OF TURNING ANYTHING IT STRIKES INTO ORGANIC METAL, WHETHER IT BE FLORA OR FAUNA!
IT ONLY REQUIRES THE MASTER CHAOS EMERALD THAT KEEPS THE FLOATING ISLAND ALOFT TO ENERGIZE IT... THEN, WE CAN TEST IT ON THE GREAT FOREST!
ONLY WE HAVE THE POWER TO RETURN YOUR MINDS TO THEIR RIGHTFUL BODIES, SO IF YOU HALF-DESIRE US TO DO SO...
...YOU'LL BRING US THE MASTER EMERALD AT ONCE!


DEEP WITHIN THE FLOATING ISLAND EXISTS THE CHAOS CHAMBER, SANCTUARY TO THE THE FABLED MASTER EMERALD--
--THE SOURCE OF POWER WHICH MAINTAINS THE ISLAND'S FLIGHT OVER THE MOBIAN SURFACE BELOW...
BEEN AWHILE SINCE I WAS LAST HERE, KNUCKLES...
...BUT IT'S STILL AS WEIRD A PLACE AS I RECALL!
YEAH, SONIC...EVER SINCE OUR ENEMY MAMMOTH MOGUL WAS ENCASED IN THE EMERALD... IT'S NOT YOUR EVERYDAY PAPERWEIGHT, IS IT?
SO WHAT DO WE DO NOW, RAD RED?
YOU'RE ASKING ME?
IF WE REMOVE THAT EMERALD YOU CAN KISS THE FLOATING ISLAND AND EVERYONE ON IT BYE-BYE!
AND IF WE DON'T WE'RE STUCK IN EACH OTHER'S BODIES FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES!
THE ONLY PART OF THIS DEAL THAT REEKS IS YOU GET TO BE ME!
DON'T KNOCK BEING AN ECHIDNA UNTIL YOU'VE BEEN ONE FOR AS LONG AS I HAVE!
NO MATTER HOW THEY THREATEN US, WE CAN'T ALLOW DIMITRI AND ROBOTNIK TO GET THEIR HANDS ON THAT EMERALD!
SO WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?
LET'S DO IT TO IT!
WHAT'S NEXT, HEROES?


ELSEWHERE...
LITTLE DO THE HEDGEHOG AND ECHIDNA SUSPECT...
...THAT WE ARE ABLE TO MONITOR EVERY MUMBLE OR MOVE THEY MAKE WITH OUR CLOAKED SPY-DRONES, ROBOTNIK!
OF COURSE, DIMITRI--IN SO DOING, WE'VE ENSURED OURSELVES AGAINST POSSIBLE BETRAYAL FROM EITHER SONIC OR KNUCKLES!
NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY LOATHE BRINGING US THE FLOATING ISLAND'S MASTER EMERALD TO ENERGIZE OUR DEADLY DEVICE...
...THEY'LL SIMPLY HAVE TO!
I BELIEVE YOU ARE CORRECT IN YOUR ASSUMPTION, DOCTOR...THEY SEEM TO BE GOING THROUGH WITH THE...
FWAASH
--PLAN?!
IMPOSSIBLE-- THE SPY-DRONES HAVE STOPPED TRANSMITTING!
BLAST!
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE HAVING TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES!


WITH THE VIDEO TRANSMISSION FROM THEIR SPY-DRONES NOW CUT OFF, BOTH DOCTOR ROBOTNIK AND THE LEADER OF THE DARK LEGIONNAIRES, KNOWN AS DIMITRI, CONTEMPLATE THE POSSIBILITIES...
WE'D BEST BRING THE HEDGEHOG AND ECHIDNA BACK BEFORE THEY COULD DO ANY MORE DAMAGE!
IF THEY KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR THEM THEY'LL BE IN POSITION, OTHERWISE THIS WILL BE QUITE A MESS!
THE TELEPORTER IS NOW ACTIVATED!
MISS US, BLUBBERBUS? WE BARELY HAD TIME TO GET THE JEWEL OUT OF ITS CRADLE!
ANY PLACE IN PARTICULAR YOU WANT US TO PUT IT?
GADZOOKS! THEY REALLY DID IT!
EVEN I MUST ADMIT SOME SURPRISE THAT YOU WENT ALONG WITH THIS, KNUCKLES!
WHAT OTHER OPTIONS DID HE HAVE?
NOW, GENTLY-- GENTLY-- PLACE THE MASTER EMERALD INTO ITS SETTING YOU SEE THERE!
THE POWER SOURCE IS INSTALLED, MY CYBERNETIC COHORT!
THIS IS THE PART I REALLY LIKE--
--EXAMINING THE FULL CAPABILITY OF THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY!
LET'S BEGIN BY DESTROYING THE GREAT FOREST AS A BETA TEST, SHALL WE?
KLIK


WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS INFERNAL DEVICE, ROBOTNIK?!
FZZZTT
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, DIMITRI?! THE CHAOS-CANNON SHOULD HAVE OPERATED WITHOUT FAIL, UNLESS...
...OUR ENTIRE PLAN WAS SOMEHOW SABOTAGED BY SONIC AND KNUCKLES!
I AGREE--ADMIT TO YOUR TREACHERY, IMBECILES, OR FACE THE COMBINED MIGHT OF OUR SWAT-BOTS AND DARK LEGIONNAIRES!
WHETHER IT'S REVEALING THAT THE MASTER EMERALD (MAMMOTH MOGUL NOT INCLUDED) WE BROUGHT BACK TO ENERGIZE YOUR CANNON WAS TOTALLY BOGUS...
OR WHETHER WE'RE WIPIN' UP THE FLOOR WITH YOUR CRONIES, CREEPS--WE'VE GOT NO PROBLEM WITH EITHER CHOICE!
YO, RAD RED--NOW THAT WE'RE THROUGH SCRAPPIN' THESE 'BOTS AND LEGIONNAIRES, WHADDAYA SAY WE TAKE OUT THE TRASH?
WE'VE HAD OUR DIFFERENCES IN THE PAST, TRUE BLUE--BUT EVEN I CAN'T DISAGREE WITH YOU ON THAT IDEA!
NOT ANOTHER MOVE, YOU TWITS--DID YOU FORGET THAT YOU REMAIN TRAPPED IN EACH OTHER'S BODIES...
...AND ONLY WE CAN REVERSE YOUR SITUATION?
OH, YEAH?, WELL DIDJA KNOW THAT THE MOMENT WE LAID OUR HANDS ON THE REAL EMERALD--IT RESTORED OUR MINDS TO THEIR RIGHTFUL BODIES?
I THINK THAT SOMEHOW, IN ALL THE CONFUSION WE MIGHT'VE FORGOTTEN TO MENTION IT, DUDE! OH, WELL... LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE!


WITHOUT HESITATION, KNUCKLES ADVANCES TOWARDS HIS ARCH-FOE DIMITRI...
THIS IS WHERE IT ENDS, GRUESOME!
THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE MISTAKEN!
ONCE AGAIN--
--I LEAVE TO CONTEMPLATE YOUR PATHETIC SHORT-COMINGS, MY ACCURSED DESCENDANT!
KRAAKSH
SIMULTANEOUSLY, WITHOUT HESITATION, SONIC SPINS ON THE ATTACK, RACING TOWARDS HIS ARCH-FOE DOCTOR ROBOTNIK...
THIS IS WHERE YOUR SPEED WORKS TO MY ADVANTAGE, YOU WRETCHED RODENT!
Wha--?
THAT SOUNDS LIKE--!
EVERYONE GET OUTTA TOWN!
KA-BOOM
THAT'S RADICAL-- BLOWING HIMSELF UP!
YEAH, I WISH!
I THOUGHT HE WAS THE REAL DEAL, BUT HE WAS A ROBOT DOUBLE INSTEAD!
WE MAY HAVE BAGGED THEIR SCHEME, BUT YOURS TRULY PLANS TO BAG THE BADGUYS NEXT TIME!
IN THAT CASE, YOU BETTER START WISHING YOU WERE A HEDGEHOG AGAIN!
IN YOUR DREAMS!
HEDGEHOGS CAN SPIN WAY COOL!
ECHIDNAS CAN GLIDE!
HEDGEHOGS HAVE REAL SHARP SPINES!
Echidnas have hip dreadlocks!
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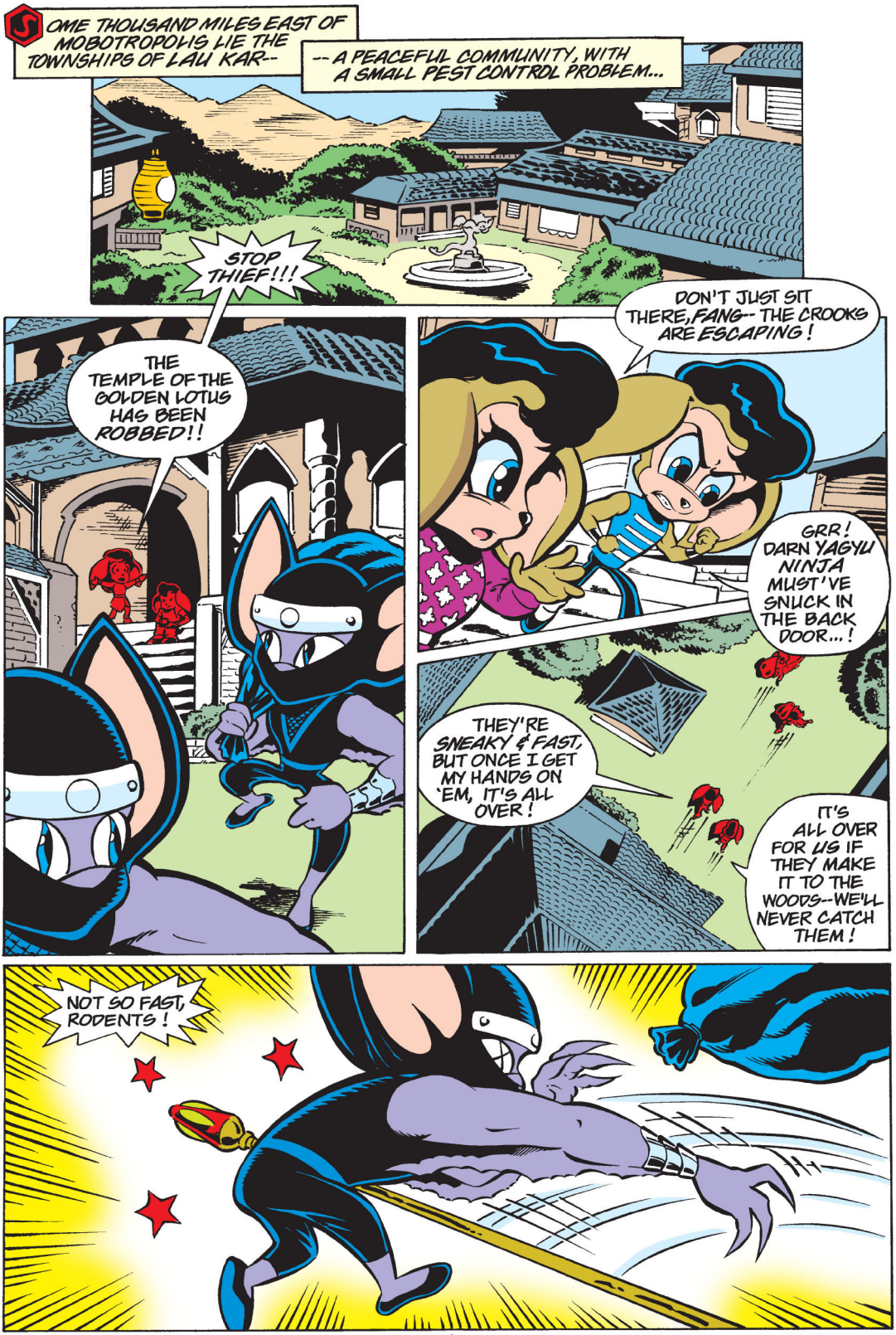
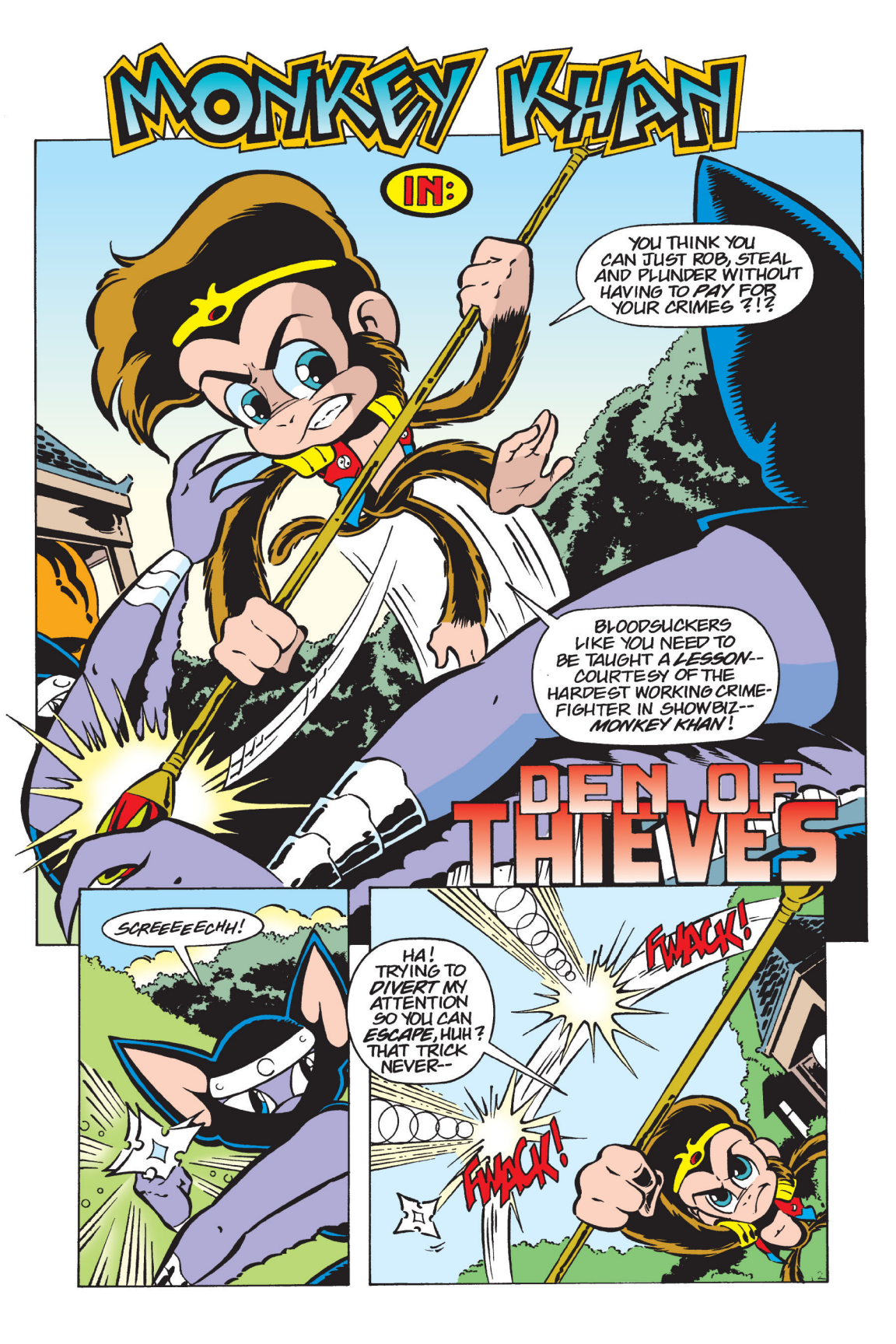
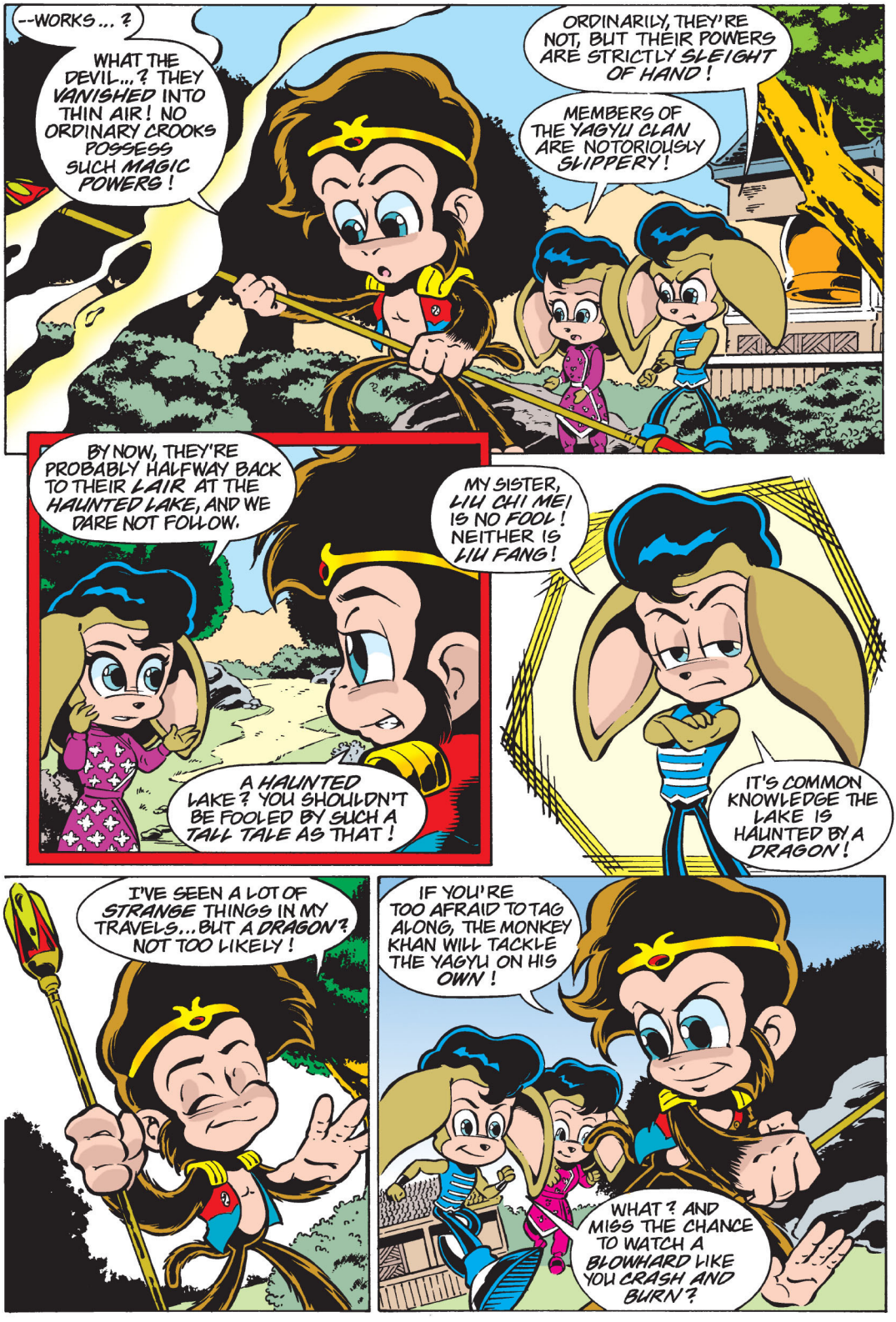
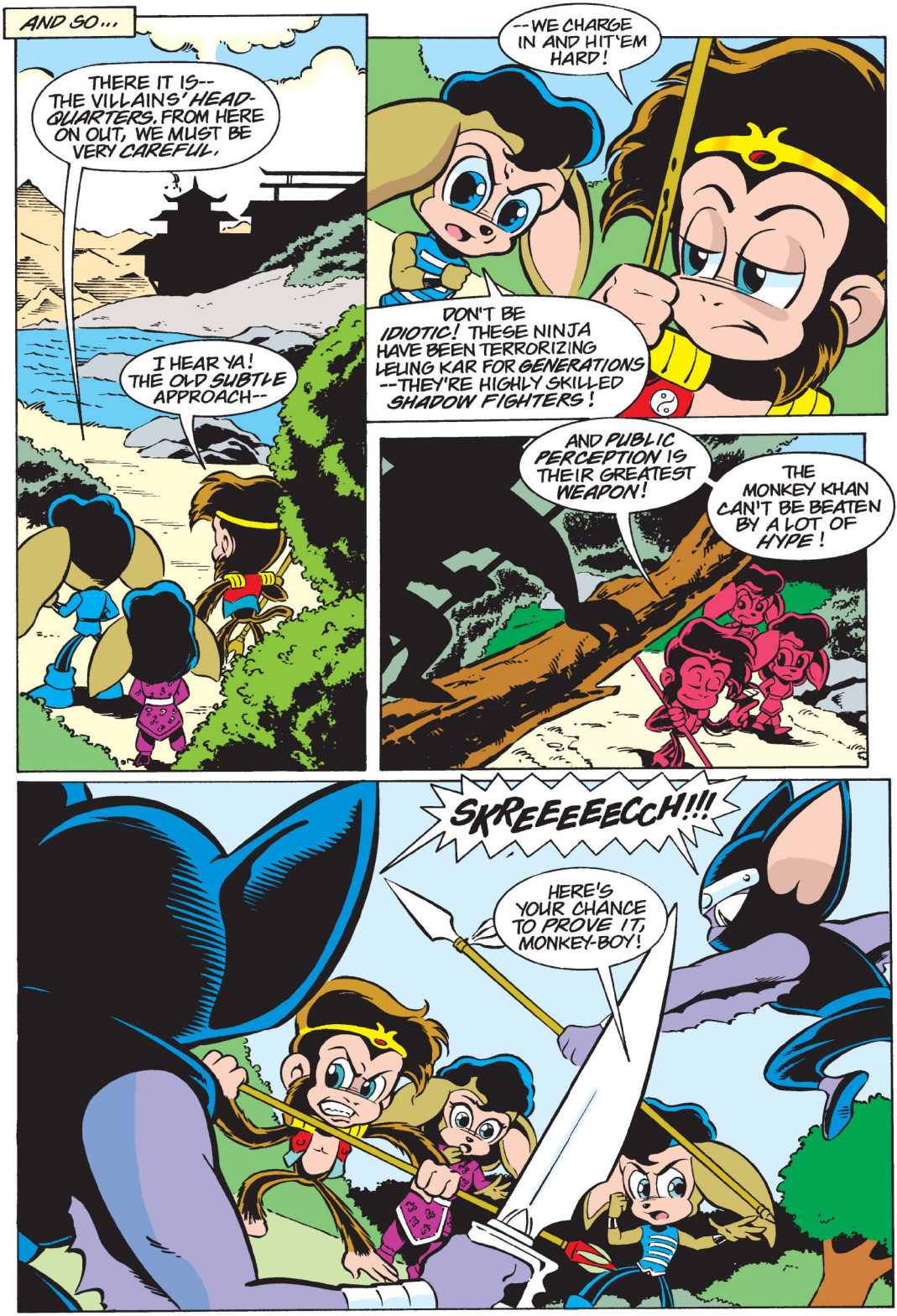
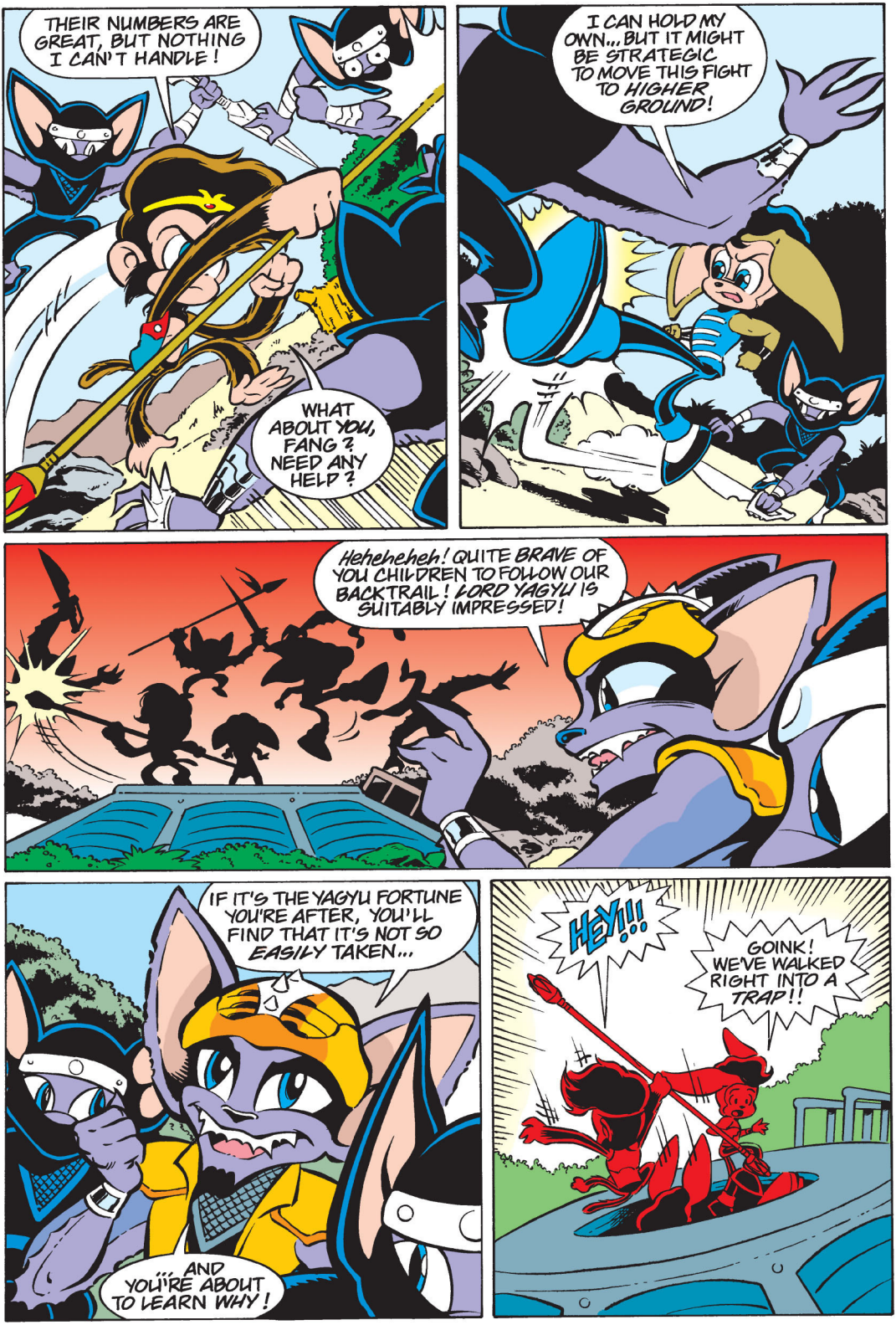
THE END!


SOME THOUSAND MILES EAST OF MOBOTROPOLIS LIE THE TOWNSHIPS OF LAU KAR--
--A PEACEFUL COMMUNITY, WITH A SMALL PEST CONTROL PROBLEM...
STOP THIEF!!!
THE TEMPLE OF THE GOLDEN LOTUS HAS BEEN ROBBED!!
DON'T JUST SIT THERE, FANG-- THE CROOKS ARE ESCAPING!
GRR! DARN YAGYU NINJA MUST'VE SNUCK IN THE BACK DOOR...!
THEY'RE SNEAKY & FAST, BUT ONCE I GET MY HANDS ON 'EM, IT'S ALL OVER!
IT'S ALL OVER FOR US IF THEY MAKE IT TO THE WOODS--WE'LL NEVER CATCH THEM!
NOT SO FAST, RODENTS!

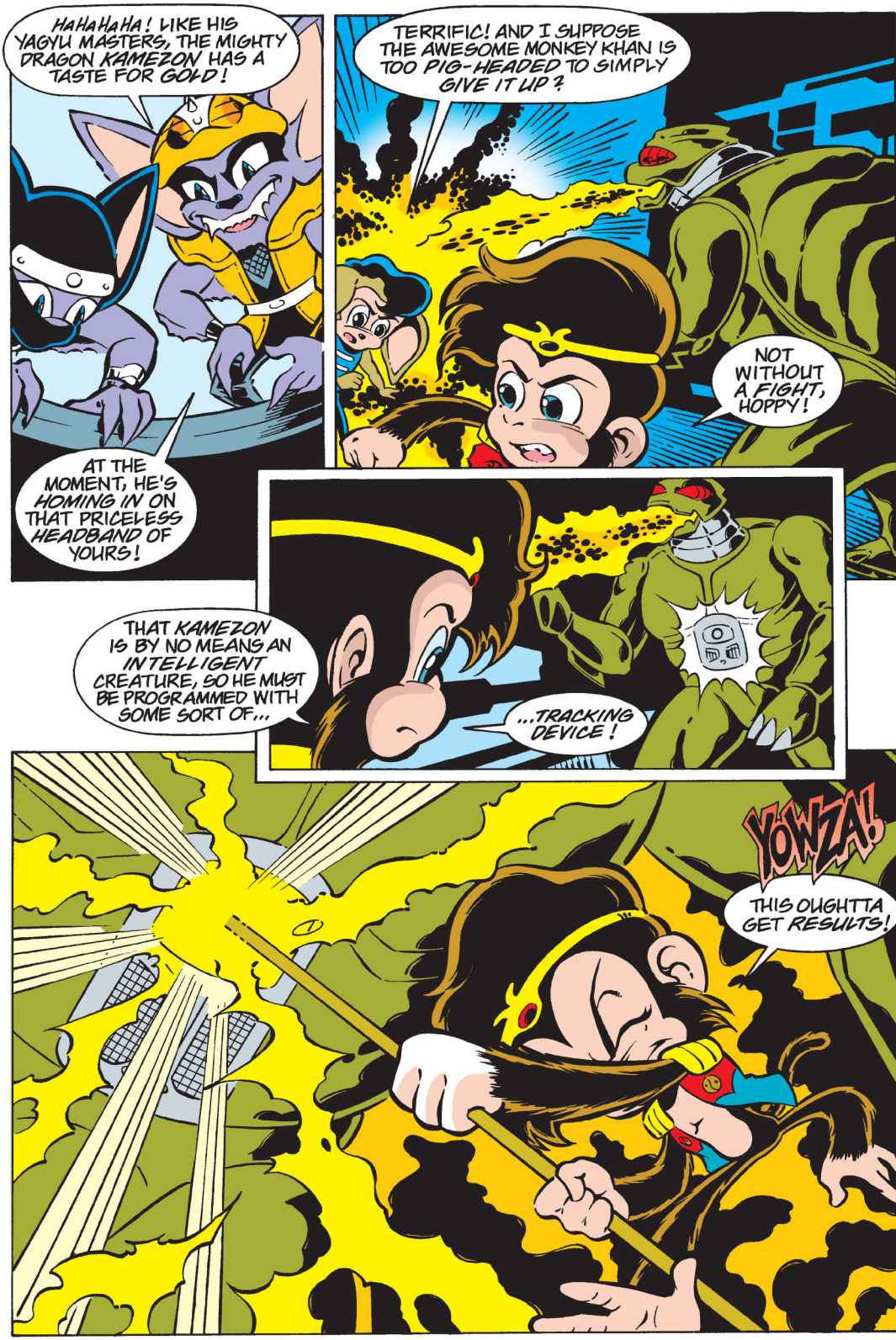

MONKEY KHAN
IN:
YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST ROB, STEAL AND PLUNDER WITHOUT HAVING TO PAY FOR YOUR CRIMES ?!?
BLOODSUCKERS LIKE YOU NEED TO BE TAUGHT A LESSON-- COURTESY OF THE HARDEST WORKING CRIME-FIGHTER IN SHOWBIZ-- MONKEY KHAN!
DEN OF THIEVES
SCREEEEECHH!
HA! TRYING TO DIVERT MY ATTENTION SO YOU CAN ESCAPE, HUH? THAT TRICK NEVER--
FWACK!
FWACK!


--WORKS... ?
WHAT THE DEVIL...? THEY VANISHED INTO THIN AIR! NO ORDINARY CROOKS POSSESS SUCH MAGIC POWERS!
ORDINARILY, THEY'RE NOT, BUT THEIR POWERS ARE STRICTLY SLEIGHT OF HAND!
MEMBERS OF THE YAGYU CLAN ARE NOTORIOUSLY SLIPPERY!
BY NOW, THEY'RE PROBABLY HALFWAY BACK TO THEIR LAIR AT THE HAUNTED LAKE, AND WE DARE NOT FOLLOW.
A HAUNTED LAKE? YOU SHOULDN'T BE FOOLED BY SUCH A TALL TALE AS THAT!
MY SISTER, LIU CHI MEI IS NO FOOL! NEITHER IS LIU FANG!
IT'S COMMON KNOWLEDGE THE LAKE IS HAUNTED BY A DRAGON!
I'VE SEEN A LOT OF STRANGE THINGS IN MY TRAVELS...BUT A DRAGON? NOT TOO LIKELY!
IF YOU'RE TOO AFRAID TO TAG ALONG, THE MONKEY KHAN WILL TACKLE THE YAGYU ON HIS OWN!
WHAT? AND MISS THE CHANCE TO WATCH A BLOWHARD LIKE YOU CRASH AND BURN?

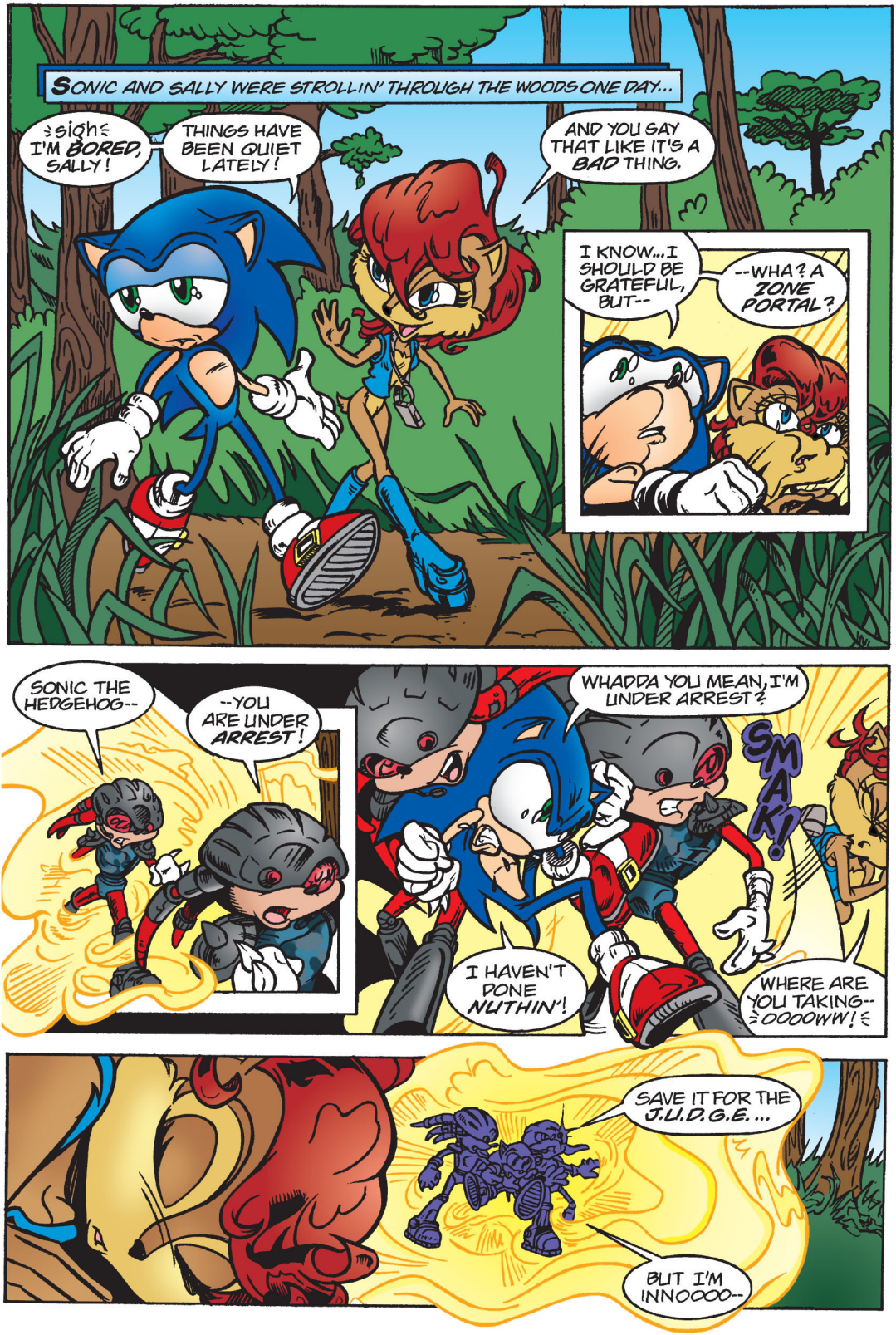

AND SO...
THERE IT IS-- THE VILLAINS' HEAD-QUARTERS. FROM HERE ON OUT, WE MUST BE VERY CAREFUL.
I HEAR YA! THE OLD SUBTLE APPROACH--
--WE CHARGE IN AND HIT 'EM HARD!
DON'T BE IDIOTIC! THESE NINJA HAVE BEEN TERRORIZING LELING KAR FOR GENERATIONS --THEY'RE HIGHLY SKILLED SHADOW FIGHTERS!
AND PUBLIC PERCEPTION IS THEIR GREATEST WEAPON!
THE MONKEY KHAN CAN'T BE BEATEN BY A LOT OF HYPE!
SKREEEEECCH!!!
HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO PROVE IT, MONKEY-BOY!

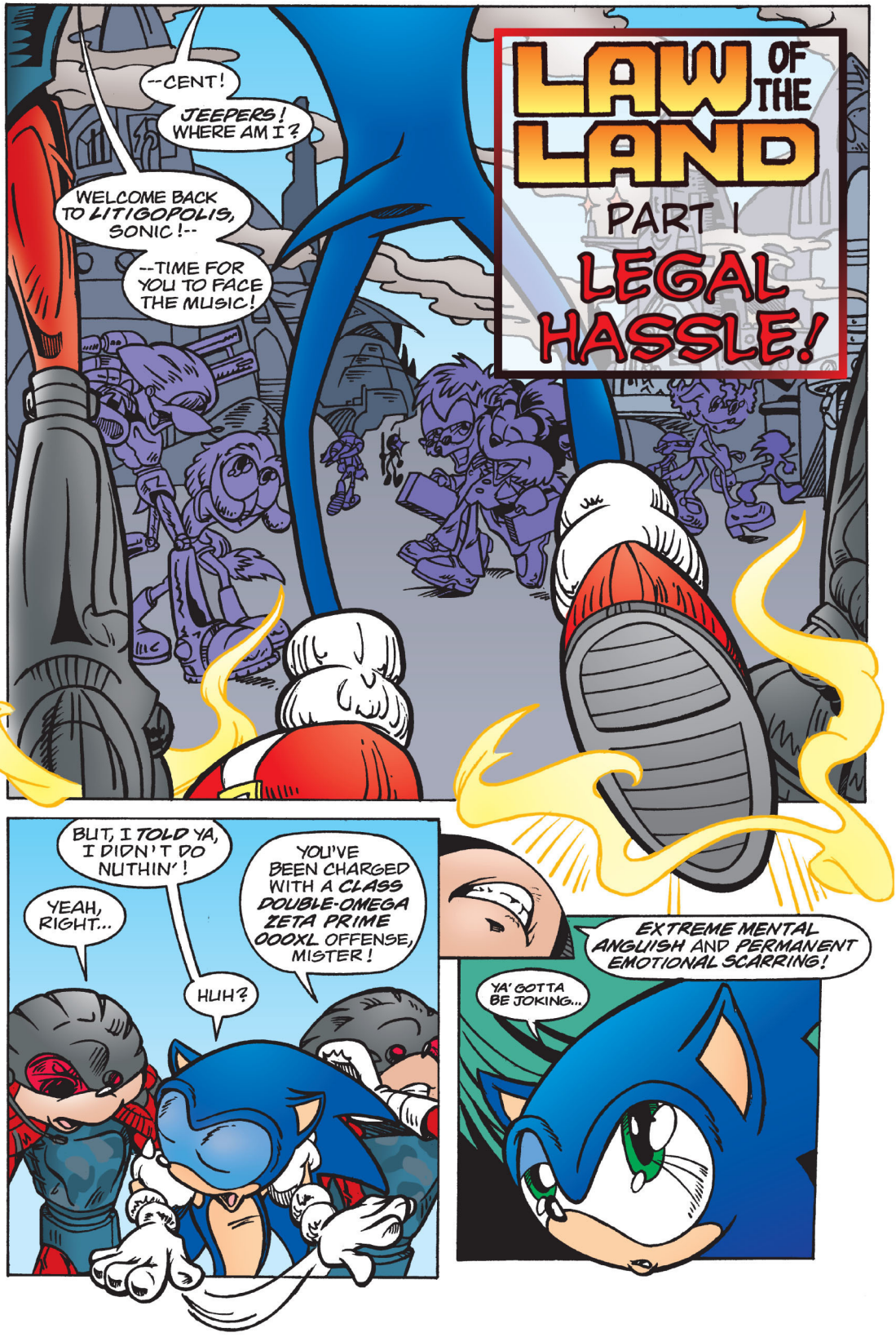

THEIR NUMBERS ARE GREAT, BUT NOTHING I CAN'T HANDLE!
WHAT ABOUT YOU, FANG? NEED ANY HELP?
I CAN HOLD MY OWN... BUT IT MIGHT BE STRATEGIC TO MOVE THIS FIGHT TO HIGHER GROUND!
Heheheheh! QUITE BRAVE OF YOU CHILDREN TO FOLLOW OUR BACKTRAIL! LORD YAGYU IS SUITABLY IMPRESSED!
IF IT'S THE YAGYU FORTUNE YOU'RE AFTER, YOU'LL FIND THAT IT'S NOT SO EASILY TAKEN...
AND YOU'RE ABOUT TO LEARN WHY!
HEY!!!
GOINK! WE'VE WALKED RIGHT INTO A TRAP!!

WELL, THEY SURE GOT THE DROP ON US! TALK ABOUT EMBARRASSING!
DON'T BE SO DISAPPOINTED, CHI MEI--CHECK THIS OUT!
IT'S ALL THEIR STOLEN LOOT... INCLUDING THE TEMPLE'S BELONGINGS!
THEY'VE ACTUALLY DONE US A FAVOR THROWING US INTO THEIR TREASURE CHAMBER. FUNNY THING IS, I WOULD'VE THOUGHT IT WAS BETTER GUARDED...
HROAR!
EEEE! THE LEGEND'S TRUE--THE DRAGON IS REAL!!
DRAGON...?
THAT'S NO DRAGON--THAT'S A ROBOT!
OKAY, SO IT'S A ROBOT-DRAGON! EITHER WAY, WE'RE TOAST!


HAHAHAHA! LIKE HIS YAGYU MASTERS, THE MIGHTY DRAGON KAMEZON HAS A TASTE FOR GOLD!
AT THE MOMENT, HE'S HOMING IN ON THAT PRICELESS HEADBAND OF YOURS!
TERRIFIC! AND I SUPPOSE THE AWESOME MONKEY KHAN IS TOO PIG-HEADED TO SIMPLY GIVE IT UP?
NOT WITHOUT A FIGHT, HOPPY!
THAT KAMEZON IS BY NO MEANS AN INTELLIGENT CREATURE, SO HE MUST BE PROGRAMMED WITH SOME SORT OF...
...TRACKING DEVICE!
YOWZA!
THIS OUGHTTA GET RESULTS!

FER-SHOOOM!
SKREEEEECH!
CURSE THEM! THEY'VE TURNED THE BEAST AGAINST HIS OWN FAMILY!!
HEE-HEE! LOOK AT 'EM GO! WITH HIS HOMING DEVICE SHOT, KAMEZON IS TOTALLY CLUELESS!
IT'S ALL HERE--EVERY LAST STOLEN ARTICLE FROM THE PAST FIFTY YEARS!
YOU'RE A HERO, KHAN! WHY NOT COME BACK TO TOWN AND REVEL IN YOUR GLORY?
WHAT? AND RUIN MY OWN HYPE? NOT A CHANCE...!
END


SONIC AND SALLY WERE STROLLIN' THROUGH THE WOODS ONE DAY...
:sigh: I'M BORED, SALLY!
THINGS HAVE BEEN QUIET LATELY!
AND YOU SAY THAT LIKE IT'S A BAD THING.
I KNOW...I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL, BUT--
--WHA? A ZONE PORTAL?
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG--
--YOU ARE UNDER ARREST!
WHADDA YOU MEAN, I'M UNDER ARREST?
SMAK!
I HAVEN'T DONE NUTHIN'!
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING--
:OOOOWW!:
SAVE IT FOR THE J.U.D.G.E....
BUT I'M INNOOOO--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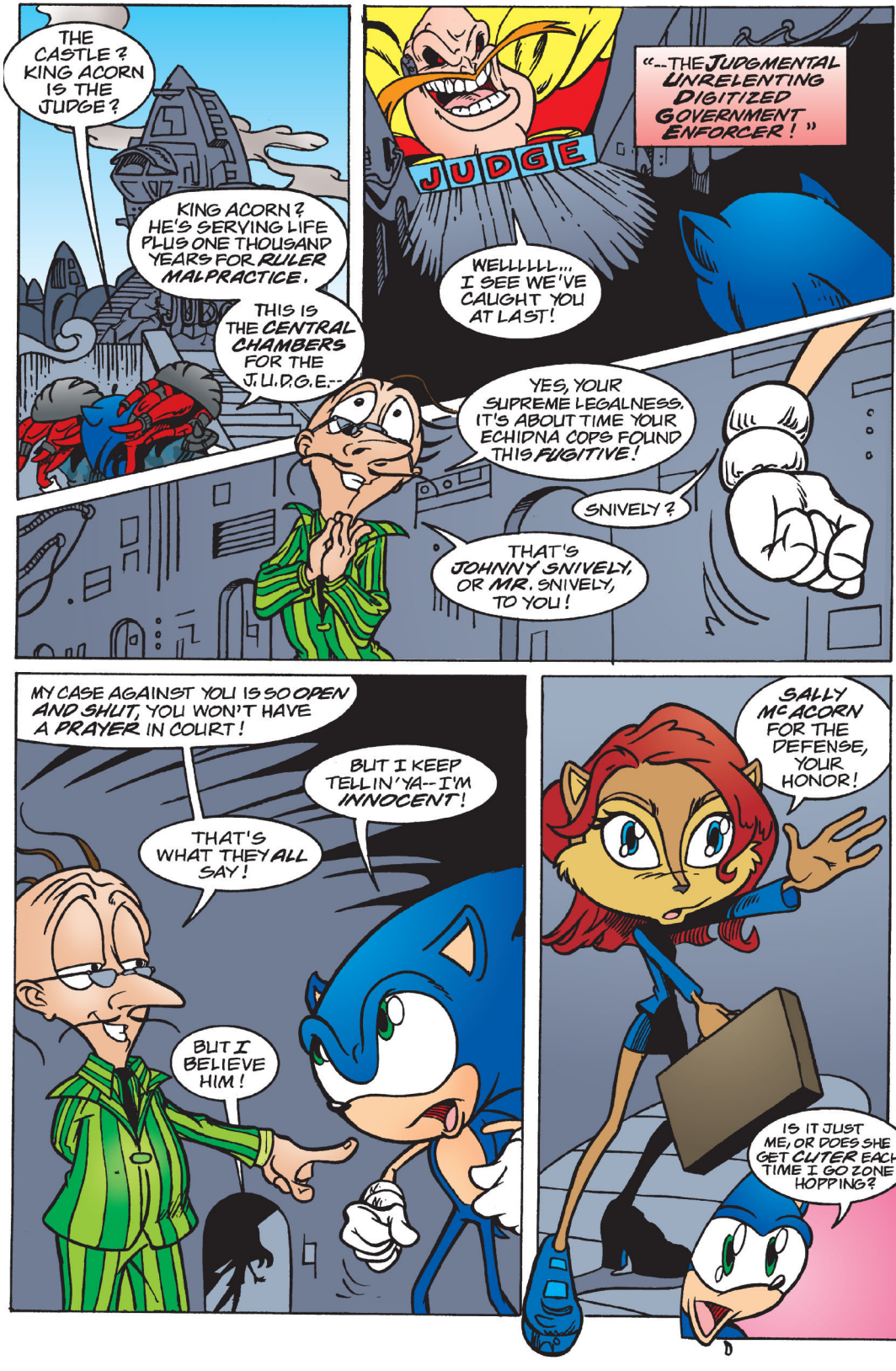
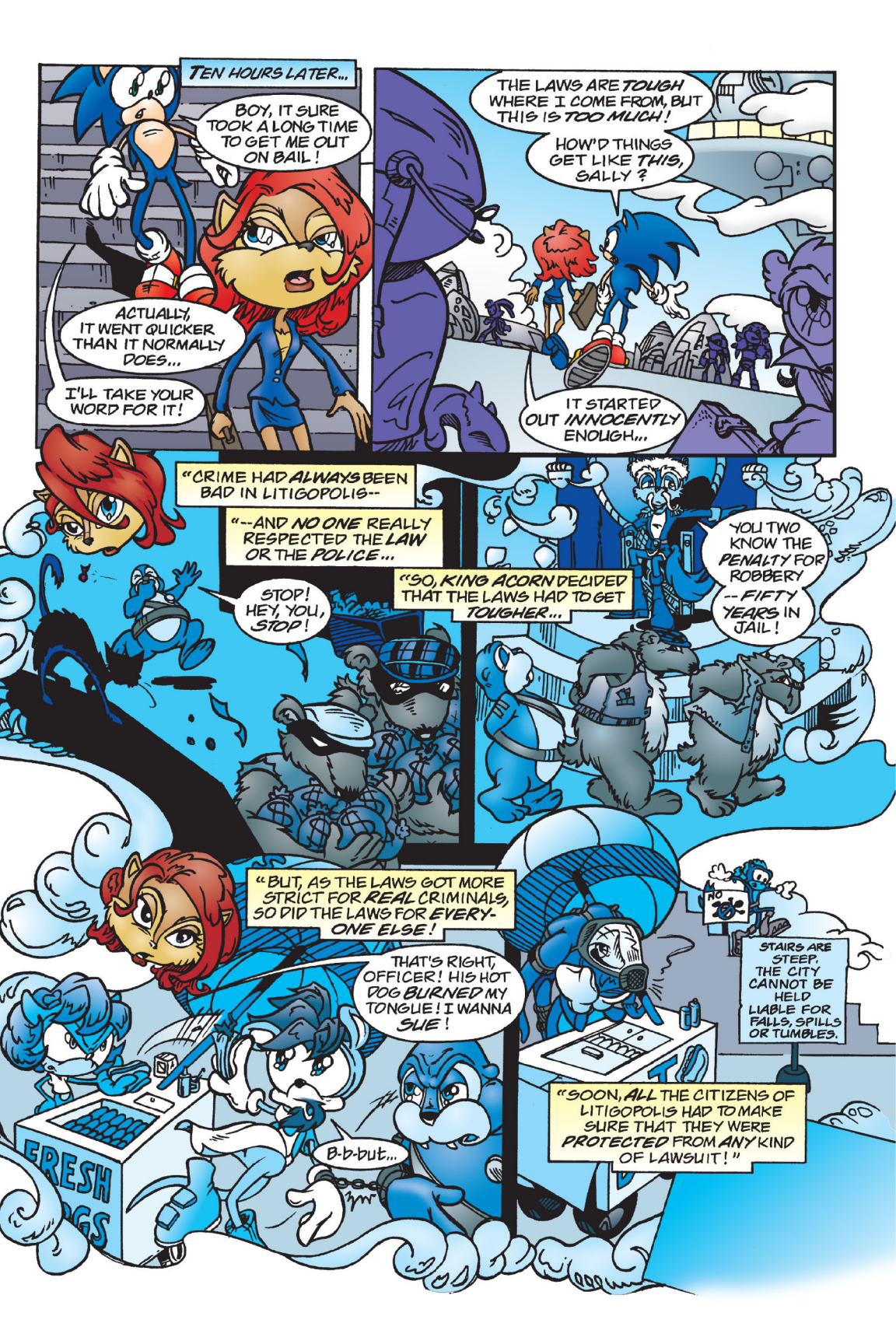
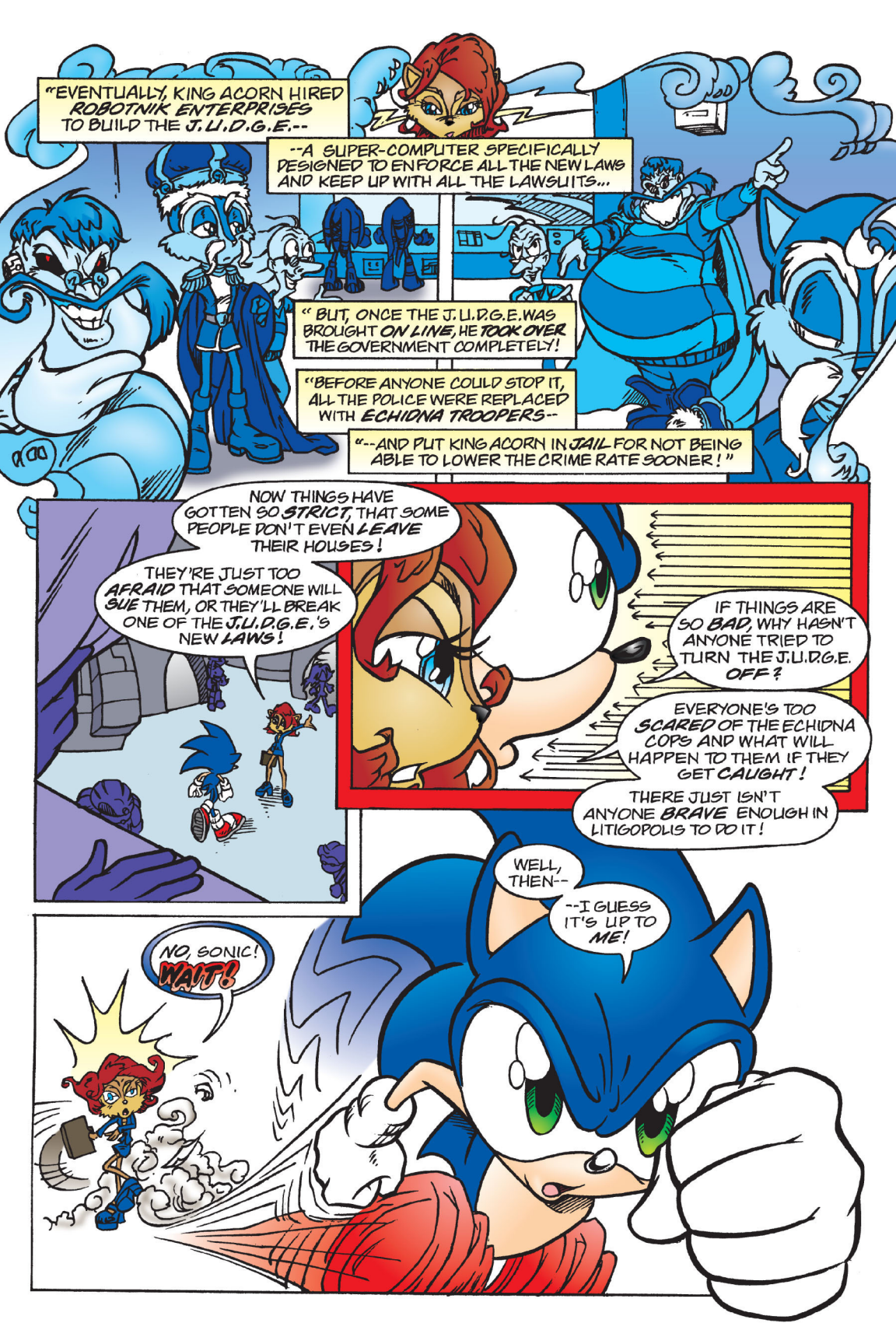
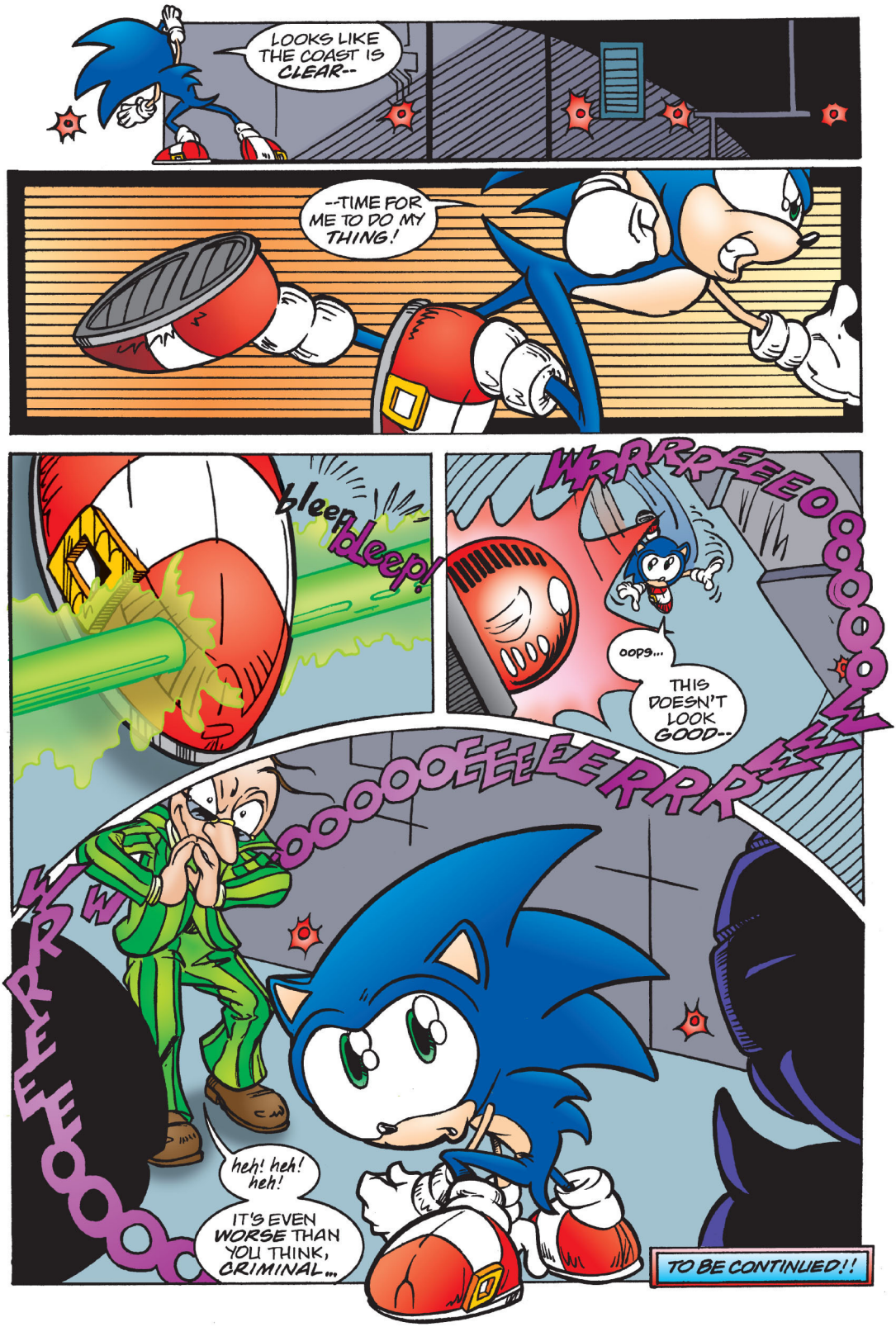
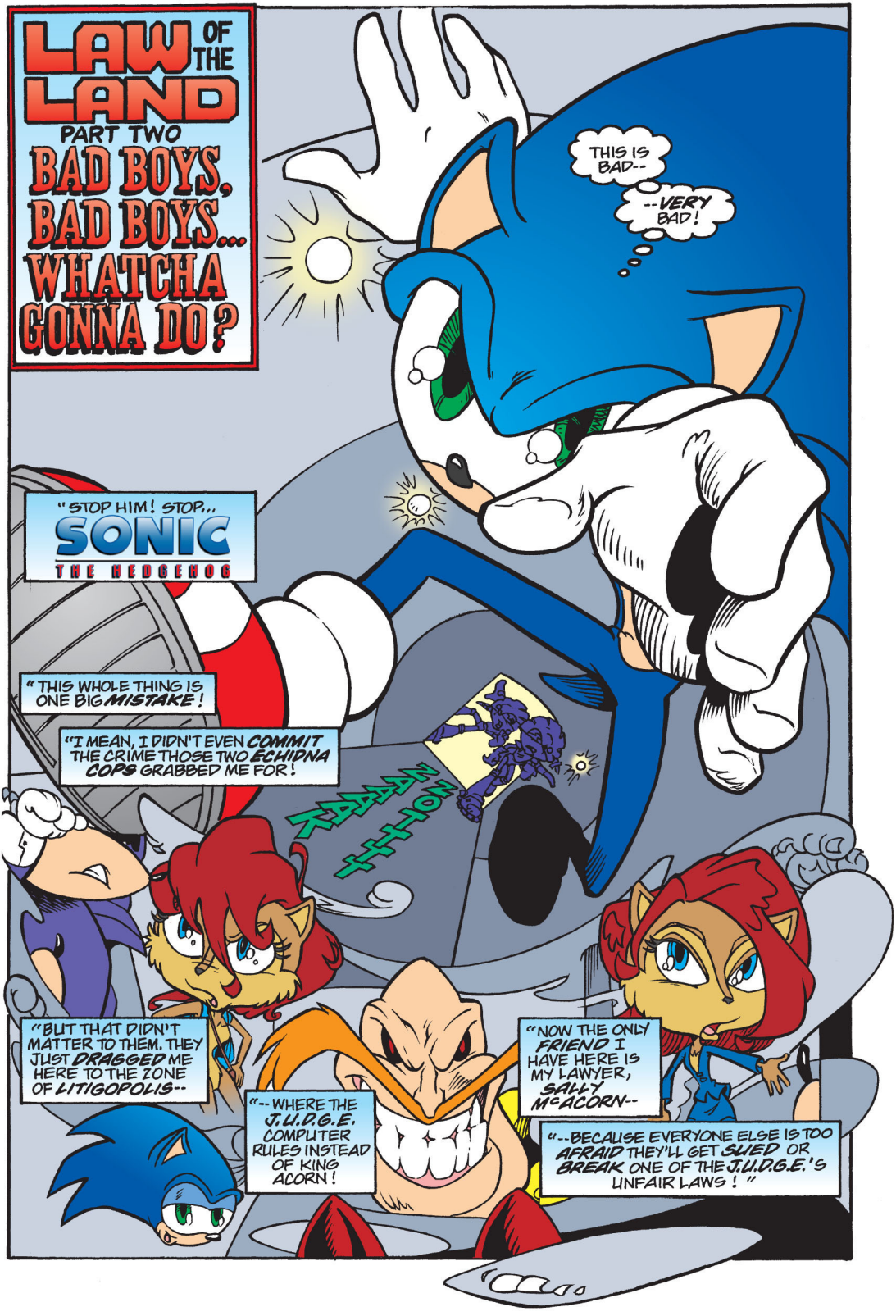
PART I
LEGAL HASSLE!
--CENT!
JEEPERS! WHERE AM I?
WELCOME BACK TO LITIGOPOLIS, SONIC!--
--TIME FOR YOU TO FACE THE MUSIC!
BUT, I TOLD YA, I DIDN'T DO NUTHIN'!
YEAH, RIGHT...
HUH?
YOU'VE BEEN CHARGED WITH A CLASS DOUBLE-OMEGA ZETA PRIME OOOXL OFFENSE, MISTER!
EXTREME MENTAL ANGUISH AND PERMANENT EMOTIONAL SCARRING!
YA' GOTTA BE JOKING...


THE CASTLE? KING ACORN IS THE JUDGE?
KING ACORN? HE'S SERVING LIFE PLUS ONE THOUSAND YEARS FOR RULER MALPRACTICE.
THIS IS THE CENTRAL CHAMBERS FOR THE J.U.D.G.E.--
JUDGE
"--THE JUDGMENTAL UNRELENTING DIGITIZED GOVERNMENT ENFORCER!"
WELLLLLL... I SEE WE'VE CAUGHT YOU AT LAST!
YES, YOUR SUPREME LEGALNESS, IT'S ABOUT TIME YOUR ECHIDNA COPS FOUND THIS FUGITIVE!
SNIVELY?
THAT'S JOHNNY SNIVELY, OR MR. SNIVELY, TO YOU!
MY CASE AGAINST YOU IS SO OPEN AND SHUT, YOU WON'T HAVE A PRAYER IN COURT!
BUT I KEEP TELLIN'YA--I'M INNOCENT!
THAT'S WHAT THEY ALL SAY!
BUT I BELIEVE HIM!
SALLY MCACORN FOR THE DEFENSE, YOUR HONOR!
IS IT JUST ME, OR DOES SHE GET CUTER EACH TIME I GO ZONE HOPPING?


TEN HOURS LATER...
BOY, IT SURE TOOK A LONG TIME TO GET ME OUT ON BAIL!
ACTUALLY, IT WENT QUICKER THAN IT NORMALLY DOES...
I'LL TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT!
THE LAWS ARE TOUGH WHERE I COME FROM, BUT THIS IS TOO MUCH!
HOW'D THINGS GET LIKE THIS, SALLY?
IT STARTED OUT INNOCENTLY ENOUGH...
"CRIME HAD ALWAYS BEEN BAD IN LITIGOPOLIS--
"--AND NO ONE REALLY RESPECTED THE LAW OR THE POLICE...
"SO, KING ACORN DECIDED THAT THE LAWS HAD TO GET TOUGHER...
STOP! HEY, YOU, STOP!
YOU TWO KNOW THE PENALTY FOR ROBBERY -- FIFTY YEARS IN JAIL!
"BUT, AS THE LAWS GOT MORE STRICT FOR REAL CRIMINALS, SO DID THE LAWS FOR EVERY-ONE ELSE!
THAT'S RIGHT, OFFICER! HIS HOT DOG BURNED MY TONGUE! I WANNA SUE!
B-b-but...
FRESH
STAIRS ARE STEEP. THE CITY CANNOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR FALLS, SPILLS OR TUMBLES.
"SOON, ALL THE CITIZENS OF LITIGOPOLIS HAD TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY WERE PROTECTED FROM ANY KIND OF LAWSUIT!"


"EVENTUALLY, KING ACORN HIRED ROBOTNIK ENTERPRISES TO BUILD THE J.U.D.G.E.--
--A SUPER-COMPUTER SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO ENFORCE ALL THE NEW LAWS AND KEEP UP WITH ALL THE LAWSUITS...
" BUT, ONCE THE J.U.D.G.E. WAS BROUGHT ON LINE, HE TOOK OVER THE GOVERNMENT COMPLETELY!
"BEFORE ANYONE COULD STOP IT, ALL THE POLICE WERE REPLACED WITH ECHIDNA TROOPERS--
"--AND PUT KING ACORN IN JAIL FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO LOWER THE CRIME RATE SOONER!"
NOW THINGS HAVE GOTTEN SO STRICT, THAT SOME PEOPLE DON'T EVEN LEAVE THEIR HOUSES!
THEY'RE JUST TOO AFRAID THAT SOMEONE WILL SUE THEM, OR THEY'LL BREAK ONE OF THE J.U.D.G.E.'S NEW LAWS!
IF THINGS ARE SO BAD, WHY HASN'T ANYONE TRIED TO TURN THE J.U.D.G.E. OFF?
EVERYONE'S TOO SCARED OF THE ECHIDNA COPS AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THEM IF THEY GET CAUGHT!
THERE JUST ISN'T ANYONE BRAVE ENOUGH IN LITIGOPOLIS TO DO IT!
WELL, THEN--
--I GUESS IT'S UP TO ME!
NO, SONIC! WAIT!


LOOKS LIKE THE COAST IS CLEAR--
--TIME FOR ME TO DO MY THING!
bleep bleep!
WHRRREEEOOOOOWWW
OOPS...
THIS DOESN'T LOOK GOOD--
OOOOOEEEEERRRRRRRR
EEEEERRRRR
heh! heh! heh!
IT'S EVEN WORSE THAN YOU THINK, CRIMINAL...
TO BE CONTINUED!!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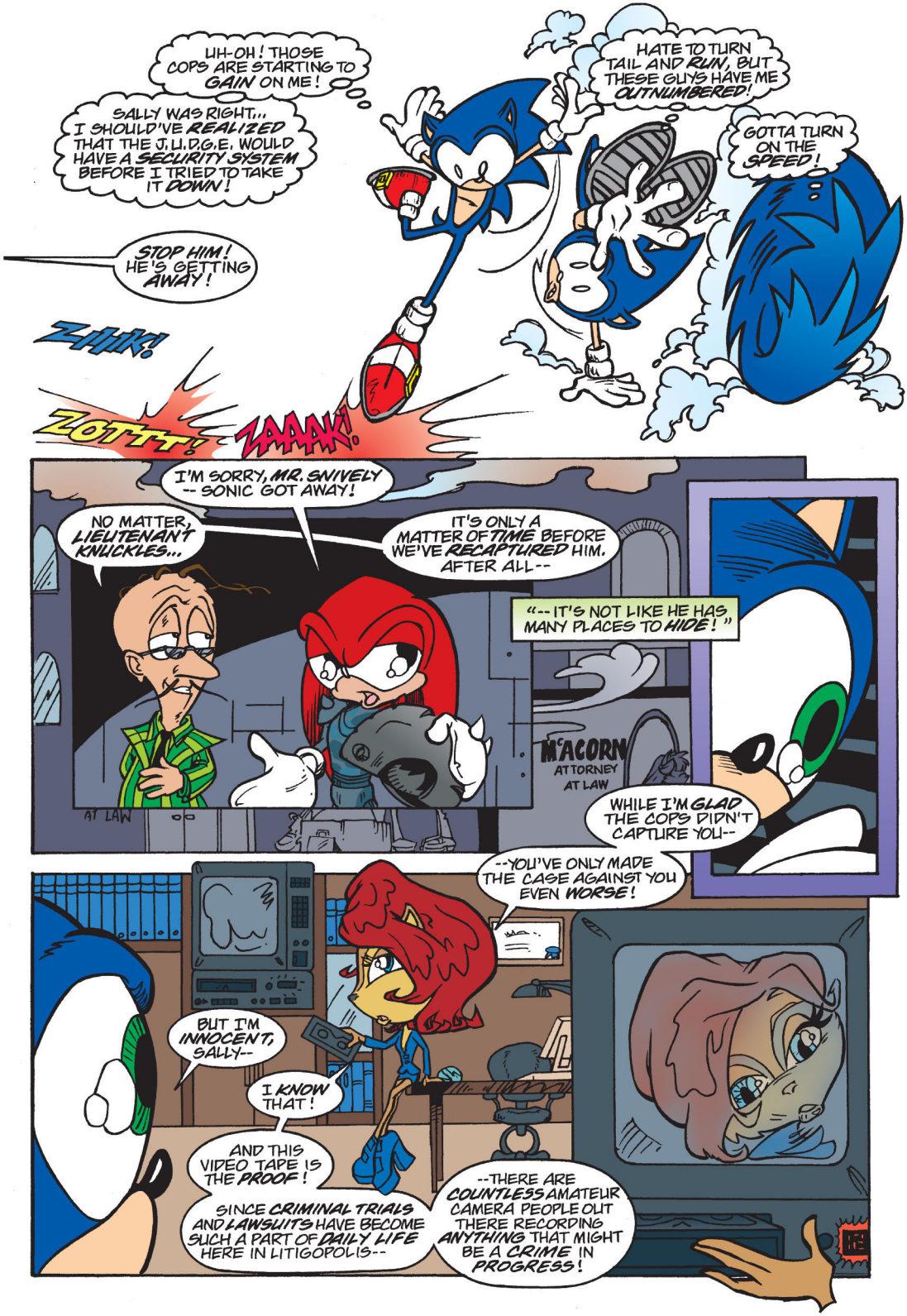
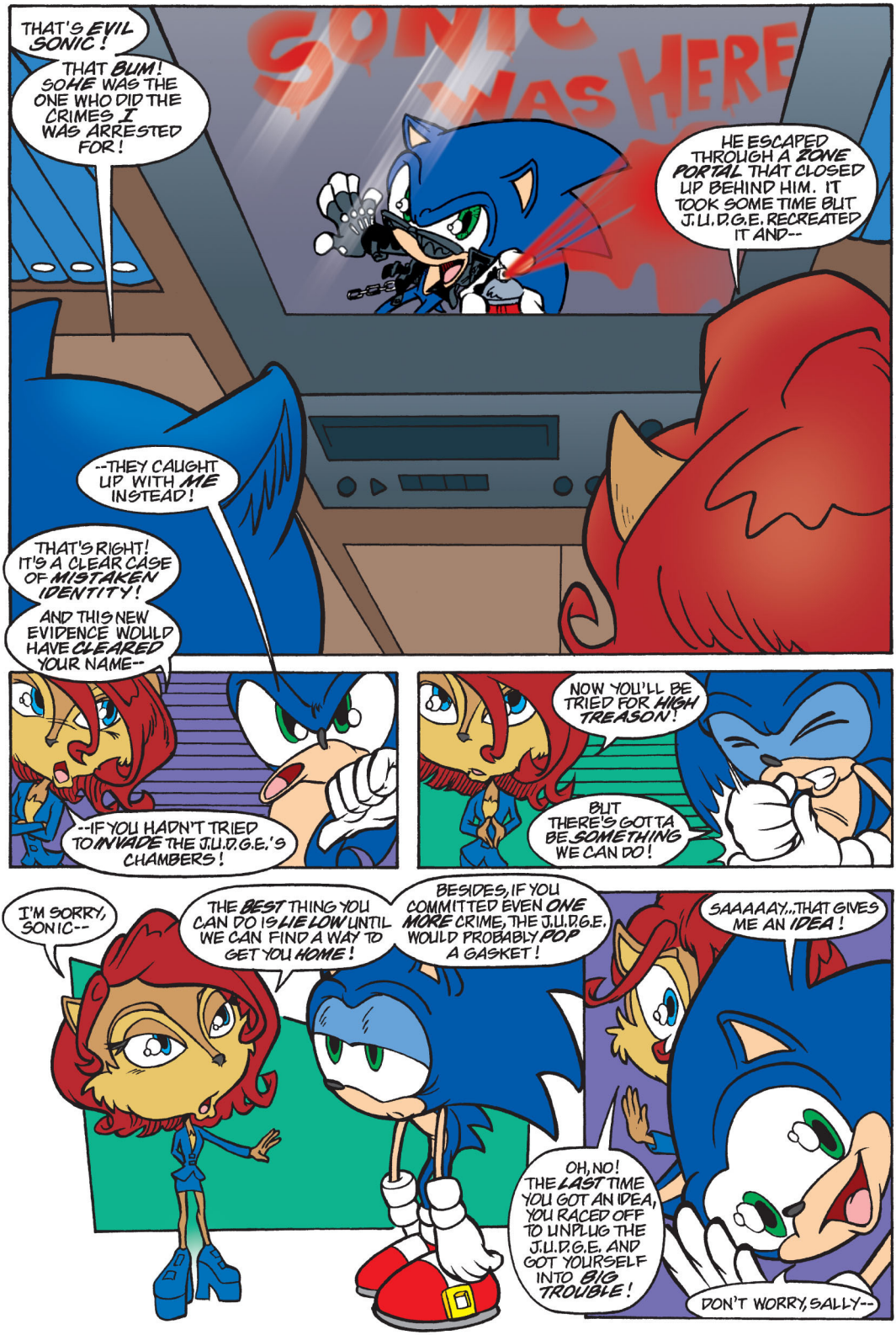
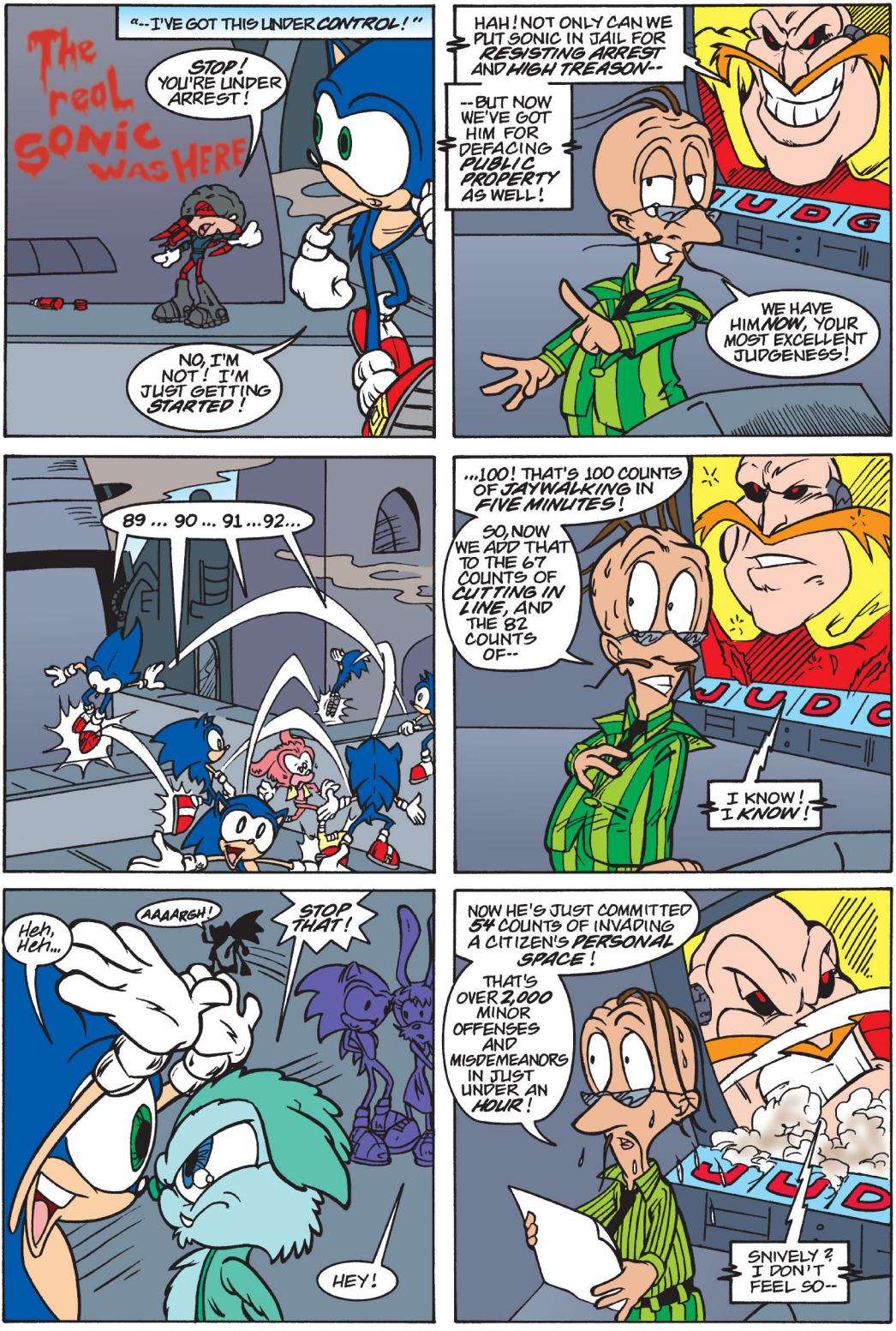
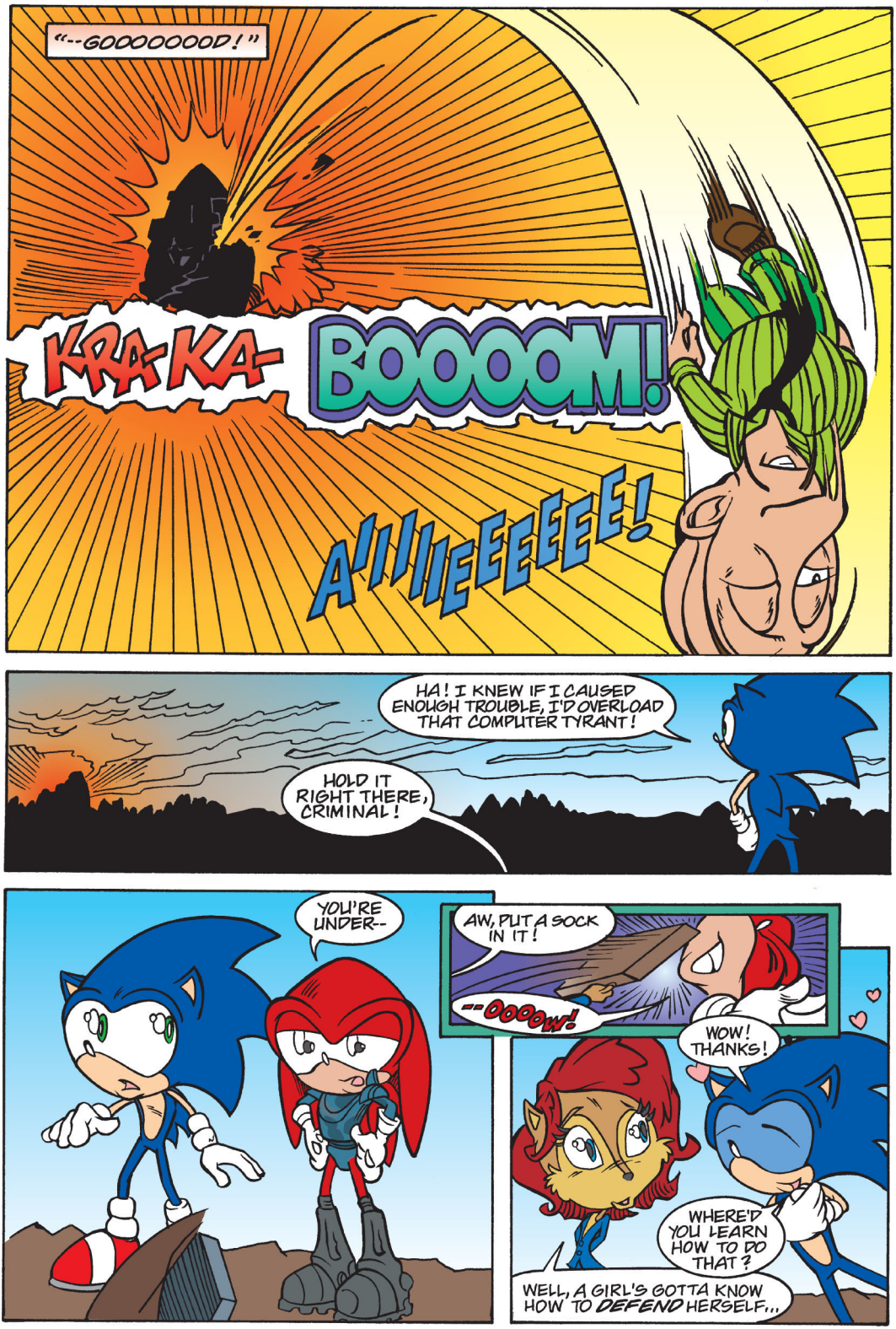
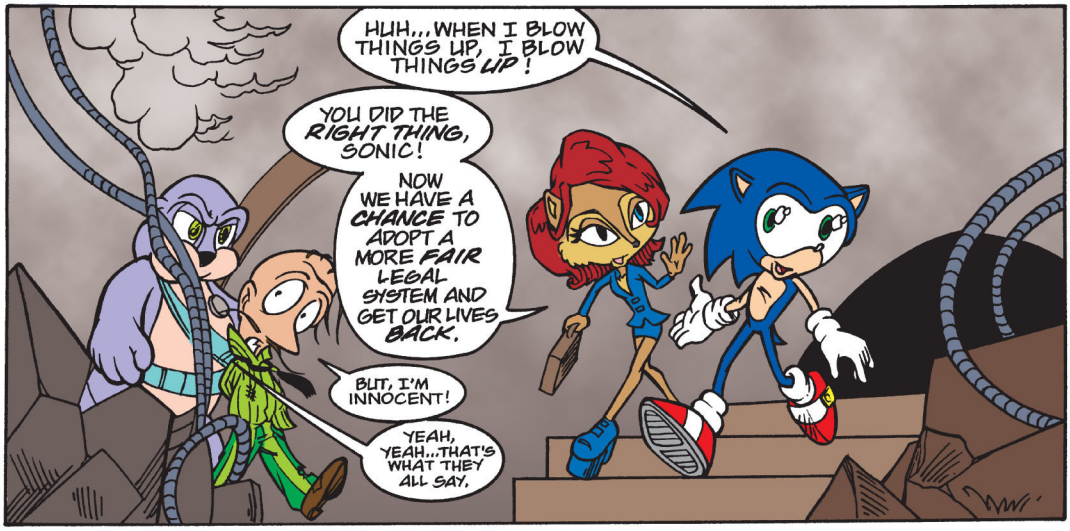
PART TWO
BAD BOYS, BAD BOYS... WHATCHA GONNA DO?
THIS IS BAD--
--VERY BAD!
"STOP HIM! STOP... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
"THIS WHOLE THING IS ONE BIG MISTAKE!
"I MEAN, I DIDN'T EVEN COMMIT THE CRIME THOSE TWO ECHIDNA COPS GRABBED ME FOR!
NOT-NOT-NOT
"BUT THAT DIDN'T MATTER TO THEM. THEY JUST DRAGGED ME HERE TO THE ZONE OF LITIGOPOLIS--
"-- WHERE THE J.U.D.G.E. COMPUTER RULES INSTEAD OF KING ACORN!
"NOW THE ONLY FRIEND I HAVE HERE IS MY LAWYER, SALLY McACORN--
"--BECAUSE EVERYONE ELSE IS TOO AFRAID THEY'LL GET SUED OR BREAK ONE OF THE J.U.D.G.E.'S UNFAIR LAWS!"

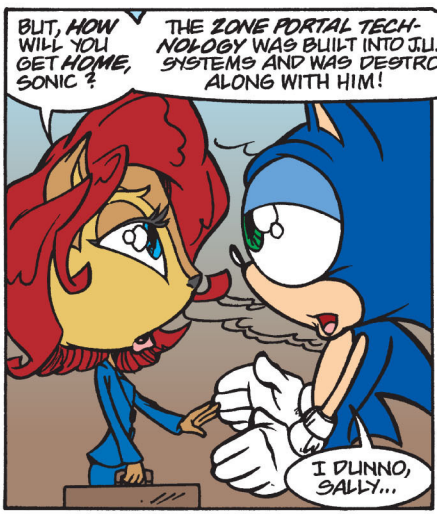

UH-OH! THOSE COPS ARE STARTING TO GAIN ON ME!
SALLY WAS RIGHT... I SHOULD'VE REALIZED THAT THE J.U.D.G.E. WOULD HAVE A SECURITY SYSTEM BEFORE I TRIED TO TAKE IT DOWN!
HATE TO TURN TAIL AND RUN, BUT THESE GUYS HAVE ME OUTNUMBERED!
GOTTA TURN ON THE SPEED!
STOP HIM! HE'S GETTING AWAY!
ZIIIK!
ZOTTT!
ZAAAAK!
I'M SORRY, MR. SNIVELY -- SONIC GOT AWAY!
NO MATTER, LIEUTENANT KNUCKLES...
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE WE'VE RECAPTURED HIM. AFTER ALL--
"-- IT'S NOT LIKE HE HAS MANY PLACES TO HIDE!"
M'ACORN ATTORNEY AT LAW
WHILE I'M GLAD THE COPS DIDN'T CAPTURE YOU--
--YOU'VE ONLY MADE THE CASE AGAINST YOU EVEN WORSE!
BUT I'M INNOCENT, SALLY--
I KNOW THAT!
AND THIS VIDEO TAPE IS THE PROOF!
SINCE CRIMINAL TRIALS AND LAWSUITS HAVE BECOME SUCH A PART OF DAILY LIFE HERE IN LITIGOPOLIS--
--THERE ARE COUNTLESS AMATEUR CAMERA PEOPLE OUT THERE RECORDING ANYTHING THAT MIGHT BE A CRIME IN PROGRESS!

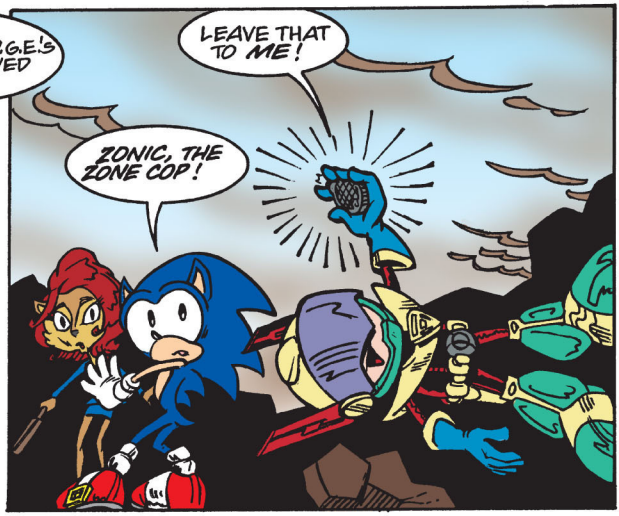

THAT'S EVIL SONIC!
THAT BUM! SOHE WAS THE ONE WHO DID THE CRIMES I WAS ARRESTED FOR!
SONIC WAS HERE
HE ESCAPED THROUGH A ZONE PORTAL THAT CLOSED UP BEHIND HIM. IT TOOK SOME TIME BUT J.U.D.G.E. RECREATED IT AND--
--THEY CAUGHT UP WITH ME INSTEAD!
THAT'S RIGHT! IT'S A CLEAR CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY!
AND THIS NEW EVIDENCE WOULD HAVE CLEARED YOUR NAME--
--IF YOU HADN'T TRIED TO INVADE THE J.U.D.G.E.'S CHAMBERS!
NOW YOU'LL BE TRIED FOR HIGH TREASON!
BUT THERE'S GOTTA BE SOMETHING WE CAN DO!
I'M SORRY, SONIC--
THE BEST THING YOU CAN DO IS LIE LOW UNTIL WE CAN FIND A WAY TO GET YOU HOME!
BESIDES, IF YOU COMMITTED EVEN ONE MORE CRIME, THE J.U.D.G.E. WOULD PROBABLY POP A GASKET!
OH, NO! THE LAST TIME YOU GOT AN IDEA, YOU RACED OFF TO UNPLUG THE J.U.D.G.E. AND GOT YOURSELF INTO BIG TROUBLE!
SAAAAAY...THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!
DON'T WORRY, SALLY--

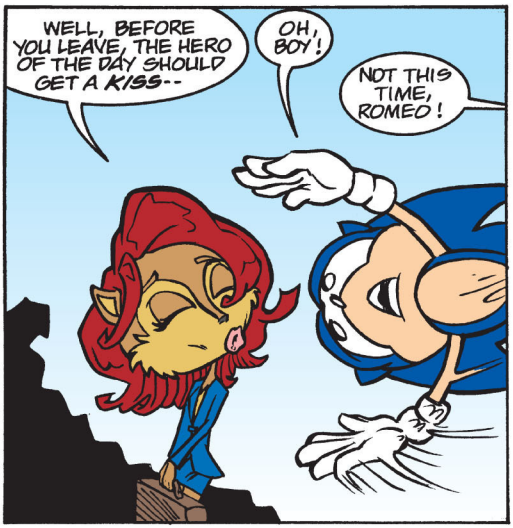

"--I'VE GOT THIS UNDER CONTROL!"
The real SONIC WAS HERE
STOP! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!
NO, I'M NOT! I'M JUST GETTING STARTED!
HAH! NOT ONLY CAN WE PUT SONIC IN JAIL FOR RESISTING ARREST AND HIGH TREASON--
--BUT NOW WE'VE GOT HIM FOR DEFACING PUBLIC PROPERTY AS WELL!
WE HAVE HIM NOW, YOUR MOST EXCELLENT JUDGENESS!
89 ... 90 ... 91 ...92...
...100! THAT'S 100 COUNTS OF JAYWALKING IN FIVE MINUTES!
SO, NOW WE ADD THAT TO THE 67 COUNTS OF CUTTING IN LINE, AND THE 82 COUNTS OF--
I KNOW! I KNOW!
Heh, Heh...
AAAARGH!
STOP THAT!
HEY!
NOW HE'S JUST COMMITTED 54 COUNTS OF INVADING A CITIZEN'S PERSONAL SPACE!
THAT'S OVER 2,000 MINOR OFFENSES AND MISDEMEANORS IN JUST UNDER AN HOUR!
SNIVELY? I DON'T FEEL SO--

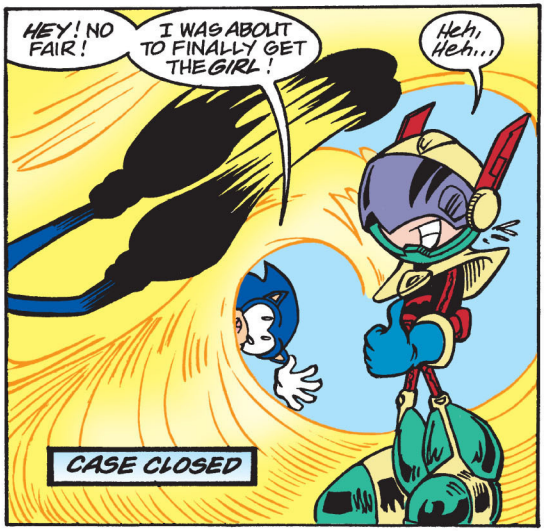

"--GOOOOOOOD!"
KRA-KA-
BOOOOM!
A!!!!IEEEEEE!
HA! I KNEW IF I CAUSED ENOUGH TROUBLE, I'D OVERLOAD THAT COMPUTER TYRANT!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, CRIMINAL!
YOU'RE UNDER--
AW, PUT A SOCK IN IT!
--OOOOW!
WOW! THANKS!
WHERE'D YOU LEARN HOW TO DO THAT?
WELL, A GIRL'S GOTTA KNOW HOW TO DEFEND HERSELF...


HUH...WHEN I BLOW THINGS UP, I BLOW THINGS UP!
YOU DID THE RIGHT THING, SONIC!
NOW WE HAVE A CHANCE TO ADOPT A MORE FAIR LEGAL SYSTEM AND GET OUR LIVES BACK.
BUT, I'M INNOCENT!
YEAH, YEAH...THAT'S WHAT THEY ALL SAY.


BUT, HOW WILL YOU GET HOME, SONIC?
THE ZONE PORTAL TECHNOLOGY WAS BUILT INTO JU.D.G.E.'S SYSTEMS AND WAS DESTROYED ALONG WITH HIM!
I DUNNO, SALLY...


LEAVE THAT TO ME!
ZONIC, THE ZONE COP!


WELL, BEFORE YOU LEAVE, THE HERO OF THE DAY SHOULD GET A KISS--
OH, BOY!
NOT THIS TIME, ROMEO!


HEY! NO FAIR!
I WAS ABOUT TO FINALLY GET THE GIRL!
Heh, Heh...
CASE CLOSED

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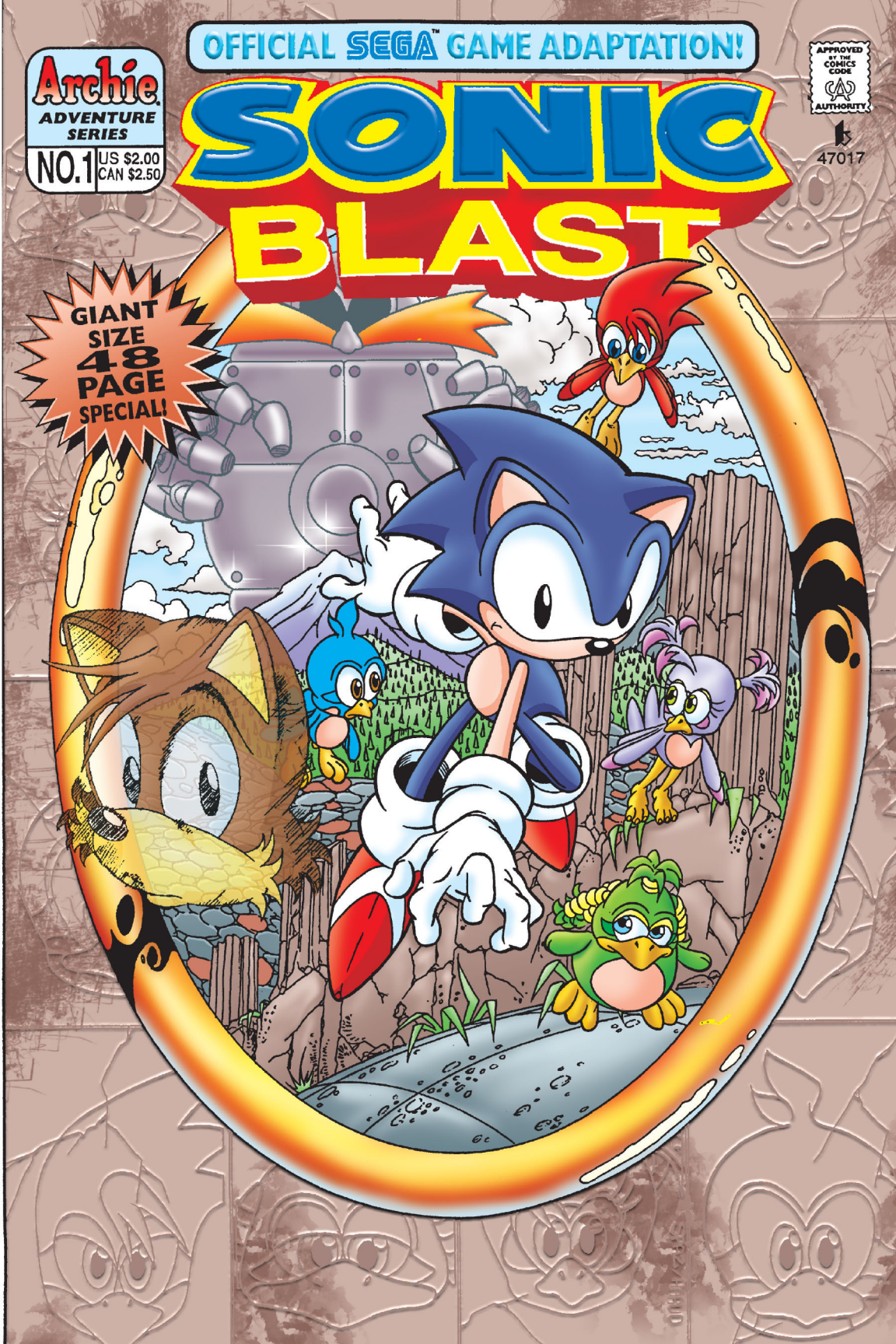
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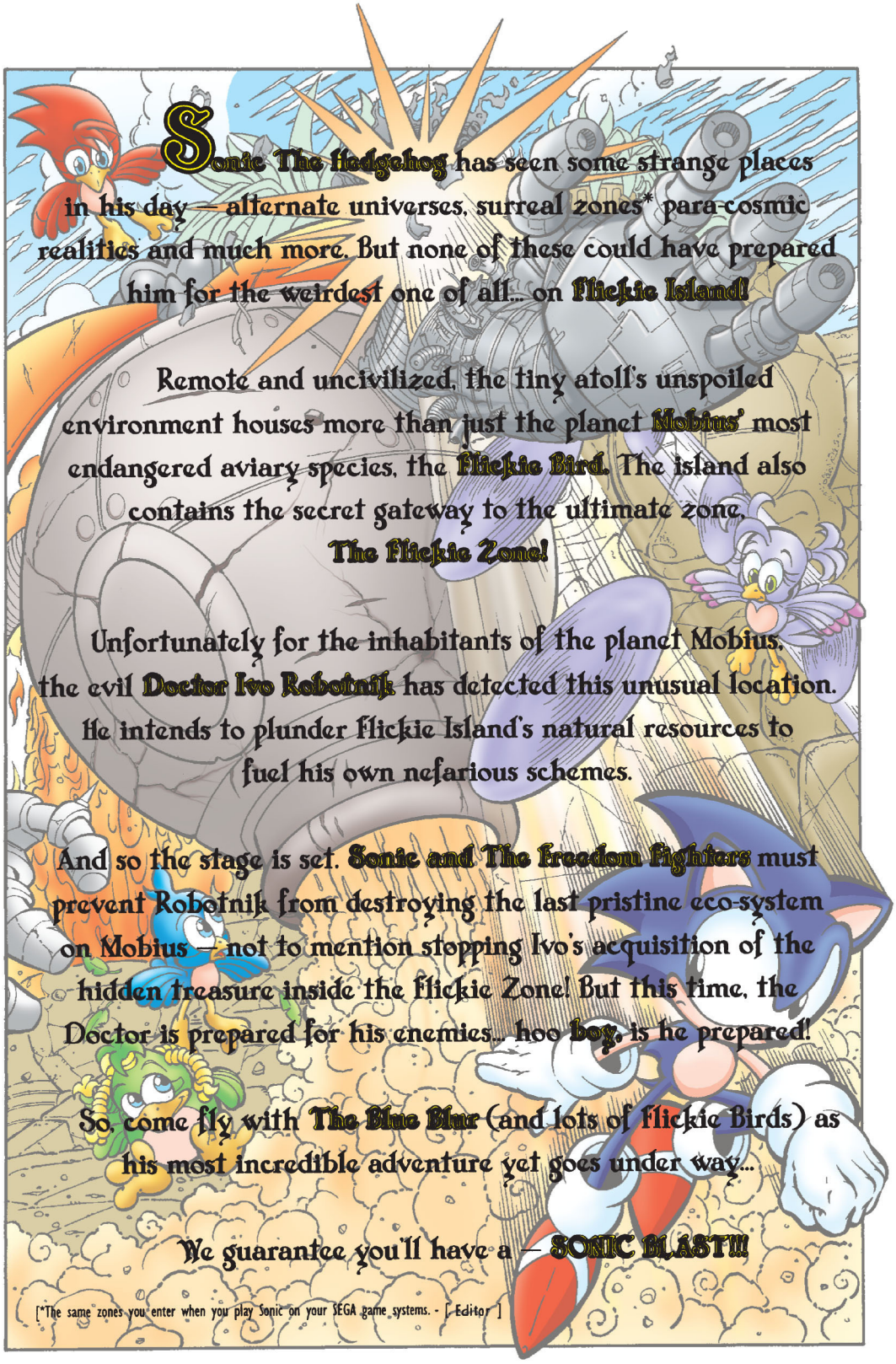
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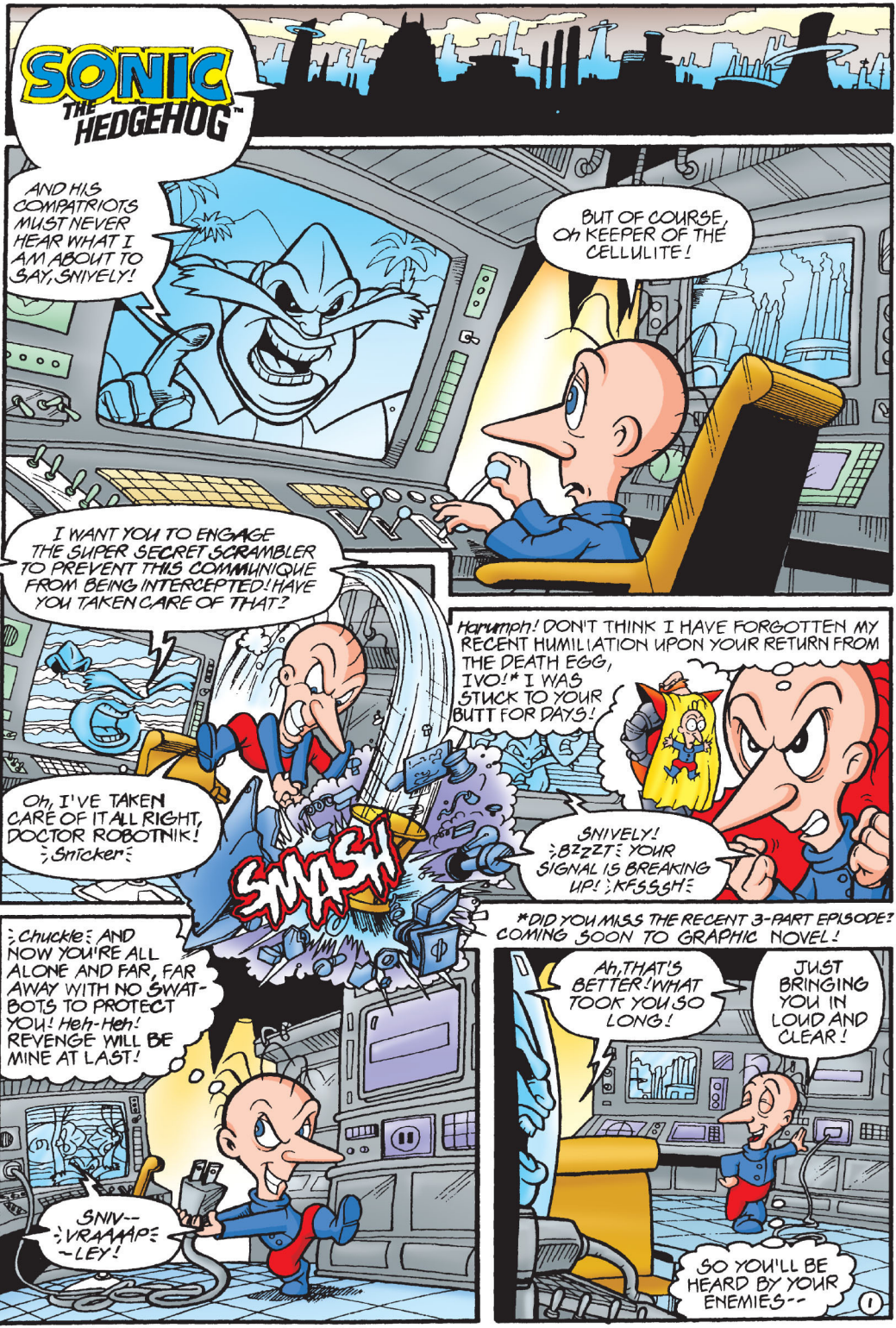
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™
AND HIS COMPATRIOTS MUST NEVER HEAR WHAT I AM ABOUT TO SAY, SNIVELY!
BUT OF COURSE, Oh KEEPER OF THE CELLULITE!
I WANT YOU TO ENGAGE THE SUPER SECRET SCRAMBLER TO PREVENT THIS COMMUNIQUE FROM BEING INTERCEPTED! HAVE YOU TAKEN CARE OF THAT?
Harumph! DON'T THINK I HAVE FORGOTTEN MY RECENT HUMILIATION UPON YOUR RETURN FROM THE DEATH EGG, IVO!* I WAS STUCK TO YOUR BUTT FOR DAYS!
Oh, I'VE TAKEN CARE OF IT ALL RIGHT, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! ;Snicker;
SMASH!
SNIVELY! ;BZZZT; YOUR SIGNAL IS BREAKING UP! ;KFSSSH;
*DID YOU MISS THE RECENT 3-PART EPISODE? COMING SOON TO GRAPHIC NOVEL!
;Chuckle; AND NOW YOU'RE ALL ALONE AND FAR, FAR AWAY WITH NO SWAT-BOTS TO PROTECT YOU! Heh-Heh! REVENGE WILL BE MINE AT LAST!
SNIV-- ;VRAAAAP; -LEY!
Ah, THAT'S BETTER! WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG!
JUST BRINGING YOU IN LOUD AND CLEAR!
SO YOU'LL BE HEARD BY YOUR ENEMIES--
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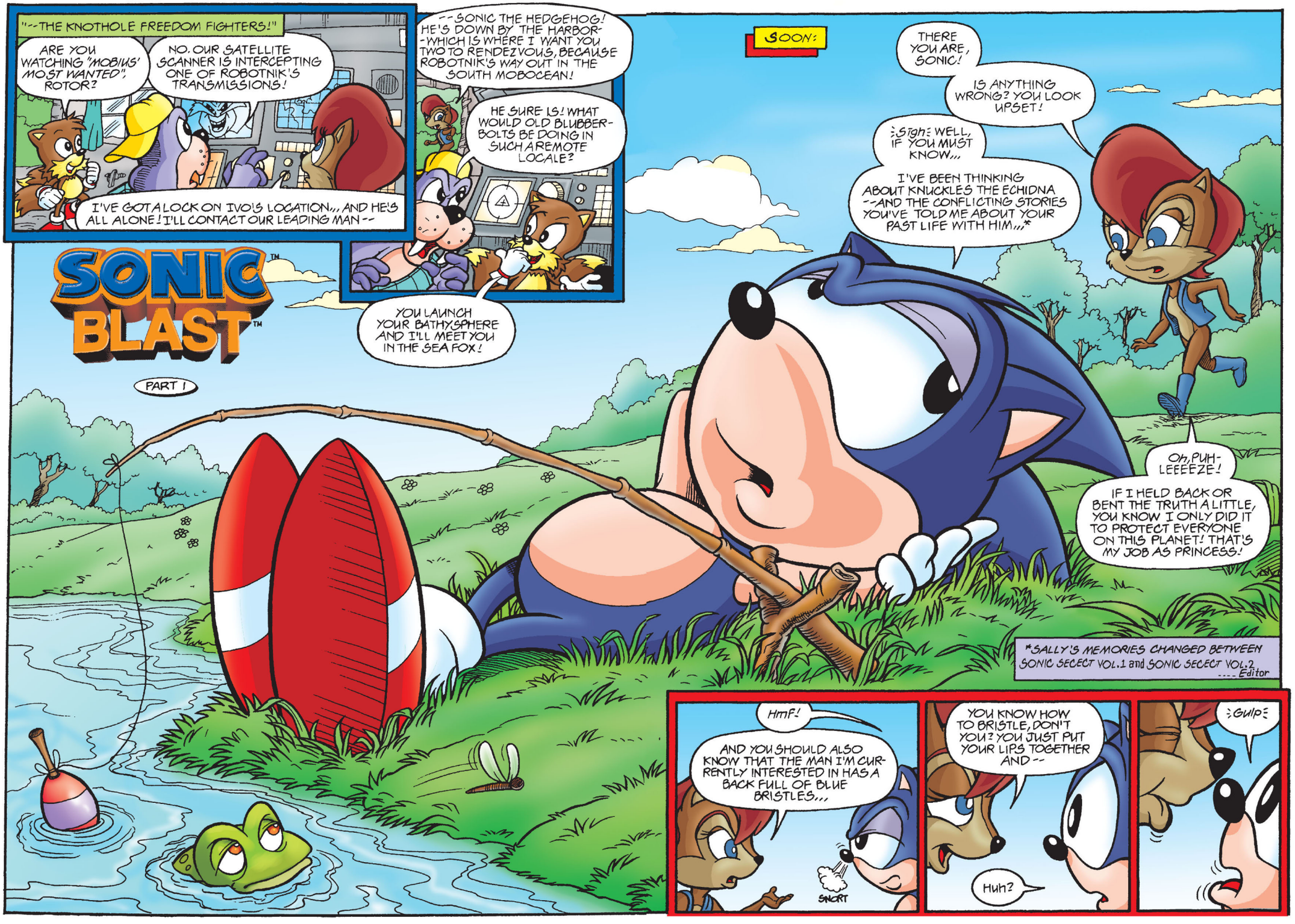
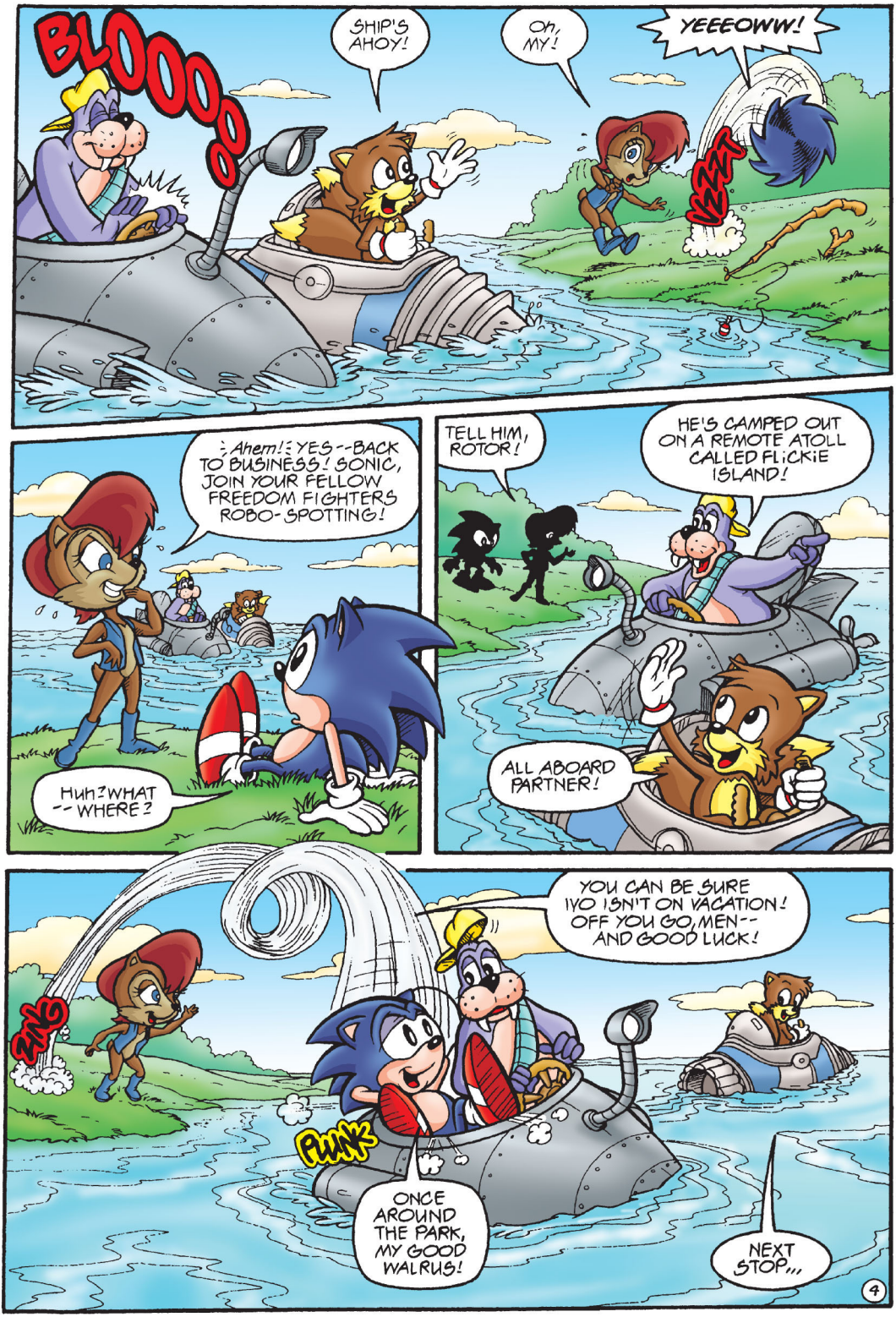

"--THE KNOTHOLE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!"
ARE YOU WATCHING "MOBIUS' MOST WANTED", ROTOR?
NO. OUR SATELLITE SCANNER IS INTERCEPTING ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S TRANSMISSIONS!
I'VE GOT A LOCK ON IVO'S LOCATION... AND HE'S ALL ALONE! I'LL CONTACT OUR LEADING MAN --
--SONIC THE HEDGEHOG! HE'S DOWN BY THE HARBOR--WHICH IS WHERE I WANT YOU TWO TO RENDEZVOUS, BECAUSE ROBOTNIK'S WAY OUT IN THE SOUTH MOBOCEAN!
HE SURE IS! WHAT WOULD OLD BLUBBERBOLTS BE DOING IN SUCH A REMOTE LOCALE?
YOU LAUNCH YOUR BATHYSPHERE AND I'LL MEET YOU IN THE SEA FOX!
SONIC BLAST
PART 1
SOON:
THERE YOU ARE, SONIC!
IS ANYTHING WRONG? YOU LOOK UPSET!
:Sigh: WELL, IF YOU MUST KNOW...
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA --AND THE CONFLICTING STORIES YOU'VE TOLD ME ABOUT YOUR PAST LIFE WITH HIM...*
Oh, PUH-LEEEEZE!
IF I HELD BACK OR BENT THE TRUTH A LITTLE, YOU KNOW I ONLY DID IT TO PROTECT EVERYONE ON THIS PLANET! THAT'S MY JOB AS PRINCESS!
*SALLY'S MEMORIES CHANGED BETWEEN SONIC SECECT VOL.1 and SONIC SECECT VOL.2
---- Editor
HmF!
AND YOU SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT THE MAN I'M CURRENTLY INTERESTED IN HAS A BACK FULL OF BLUE BRISTLES...
SNORT
YOU KNOW HOW TO BRISTLE, DON'T YOU? YOU JUST PUT YOUR LIPS TOGETHER AND --
Huh?
:Gulp:


BLOOOOO
SHIP'S AHOY!
OH, MY!
YEEEOWW!
ZZZZT
;AHEM!; YES--BACK TO BUSINESS! SONIC, JOIN YOUR FELLOW FREEDOM FIGHTERS ROBO-SPOTTING!
HUH? WHAT -- WHERE?
TELL HIM, ROTOR!
HE'S CAMPED OUT ON A REMOTE ATOLL CALLED FLICKIE ISLAND!
ALL ABOARD PARTNER!
YOU CAN BE SURE IVO ISN'T ON VACATION! OFF YOU GO, MEN-- AND GOOD LUCK!
ZING
PUNK
ONCE AROUND THE PARK, MY GOOD WALRUS!
NEXT STOP...
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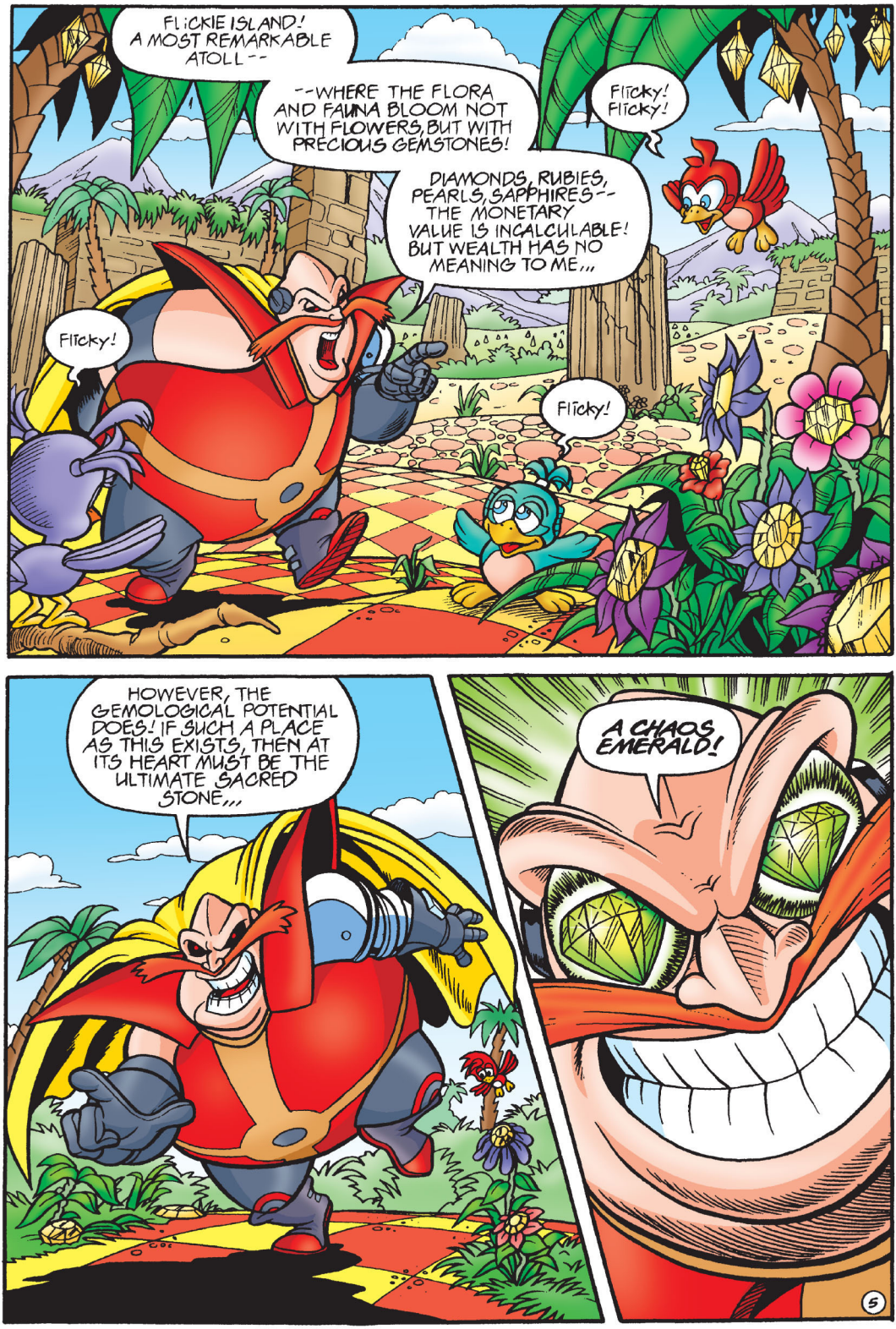
FLICKIE ISLAND! A MOST REMARKABLE ATOLL--
--WHERE THE FLORA AND FAUNA BLOOM NOT WITH FLOWERS, BUT WITH PRECIOUS GEMSTONES!
DIAMONDS, RUBIES, PEARLS, SAPPHIRES-- THE MONETARY VALUE IS INCALCULABLE! BUT WEALTH HAS NO MEANING TO ME...
FLICKY!
FLICKY! FLICKY!
FLICKY!
FLICKY!
HOWEVER, THE GEMOLOGICAL POTENTIAL DOES! IF SUCH A PLACE AS THIS EXISTS, THEN AT ITS HEART MUST BE THE ULTIMATE SACRED STONE...
A CHAOS EMERALD!
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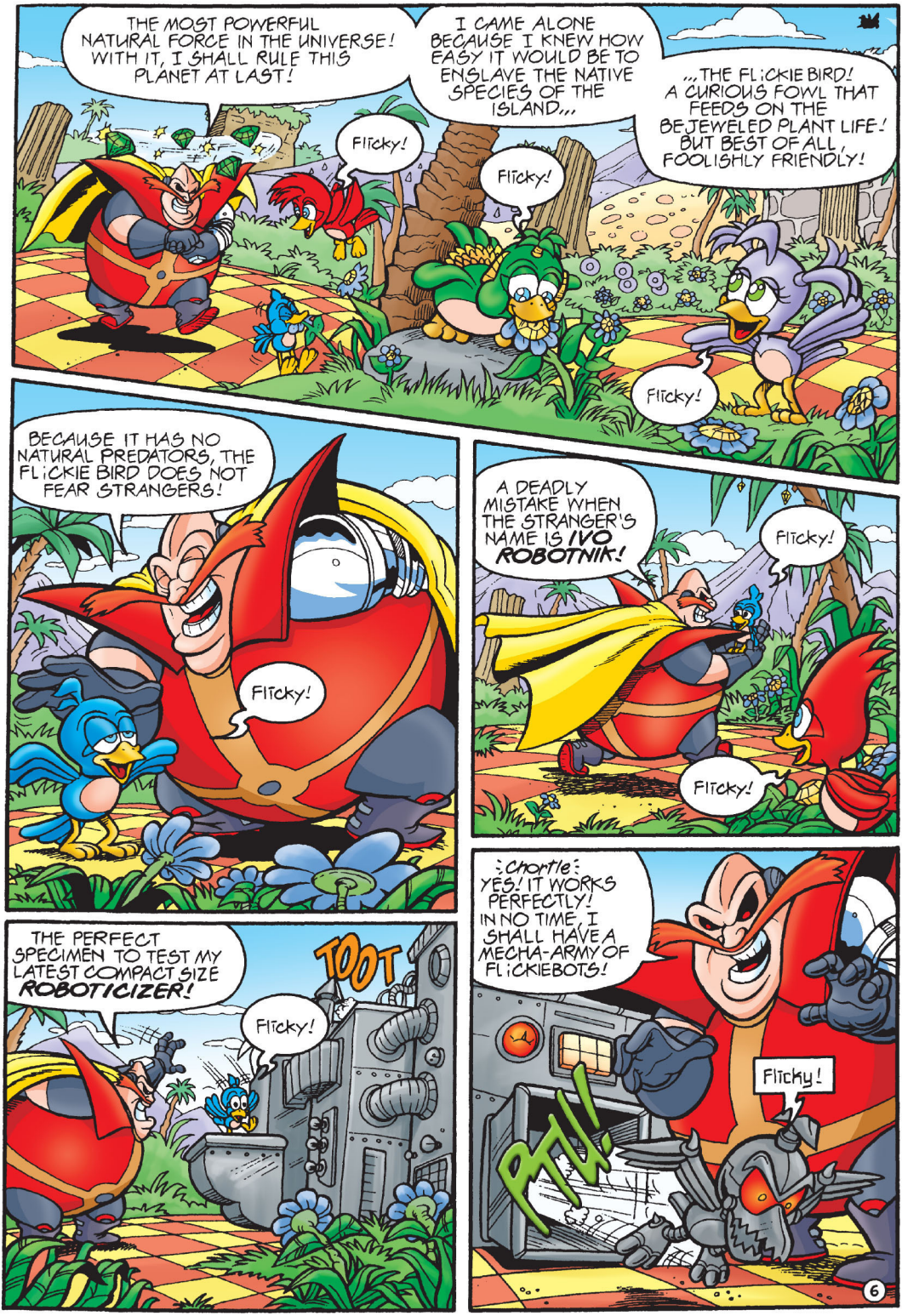
THE MOST POWERFUL NATURAL FORCE IN THE UNIVERSE! WITH IT, I SHALL RULE THIS PLANET AT LAST!
Flicky!
I CAME ALONE BECAUSE I KNEW HOW EASY IT WOULD BE TO ENSLAVE THE NATIVE SPECIES OF THE ISLAND...
Flicky!
...THE FLICKIE BIRD! A CURIOUS FOWL THAT FEEDS ON THE BEJEWELED PLANT LIFE! BUT BEST OF ALL, FOOLISHLY FRIENDLY!
Flicky!
BECAUSE IT HAS NO NATURAL PREDATORS, THE FLICKIE BIRD DOES NOT FEAR STRANGERS!
Flicky!
A DEADLY MISTAKE WHEN THE STRANGER'S NAME IS IVO ROBOTNIK!
Flicky!
Flicky!
THE PERFECT SPECIMEN TO TEST MY LATEST COMPACT SIZE ROBOTICIZER!
TOOT
Flicky!
:chortle: YES! IT WORKS PERFECTLY! IN NO TIME, I SHALL HAVE A MECHA-ARMY OF FLICKIEBOTS!
PTU!
Flicky!
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AND SO...
GO FORTH, MY LOVELY FLICKIEBOTS! PATROL THE COASTLINE OF YOUR ISLAND AND KEEP A SHARP EYE OUT FOR INVADERS WHO WOULD DARE IMPEDE MY DESTINY!
Flicky!
Flicky!
Flicky!
Flicky!
Flicky!
Flicky!
AND NOW TO FIND A NORMAL FLICKIE BIRD...
...AH, THERE'S ONE NOW!
I'LL SCARE IT AND HE'LL FLY TO SAFETY...
BOO!
Flicky!
ATTABOY! GO FOR THE GREEN!
I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU! TAKE ME TO YOUR CHAOS EMERALD!
Flicky! Flicky!
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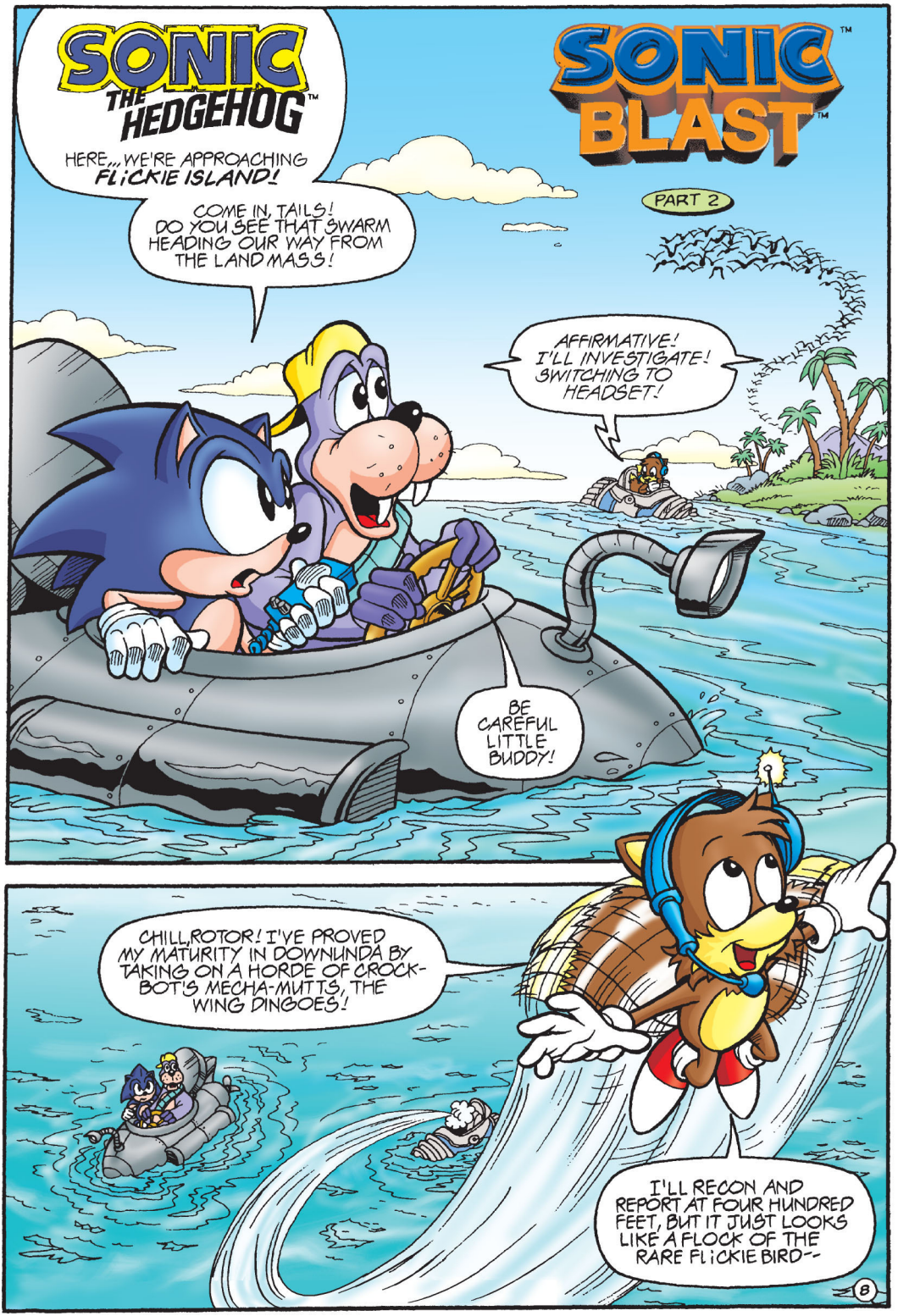
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PART 2
HERE... WE'RE APPROACHING FLICKIE ISLAND!
COME IN, TAILS! DO YOU SEE THAT SWARM HEADING OUR WAY FROM THE LAND MASS!
AFFIRMATIVE! I'LL INVESTIGATE! SWITCHING TO HEADSET!
BE CAREFUL LITTLE BUDDY!
CHILL, ROTOR! I'VE PROVED MY MATURITY IN DOWNUNDA BY TAKING ON A HORDE OF CROCK-BOT'S MECHA-MUTTS, THE WING DINGOES!
I'LL RECON AND REPORT AT FOUR HUNDRED FEET, BUT IT JUST LOOKS LIKE A FLOCK OF THE RARE FLICKIE BIRD--
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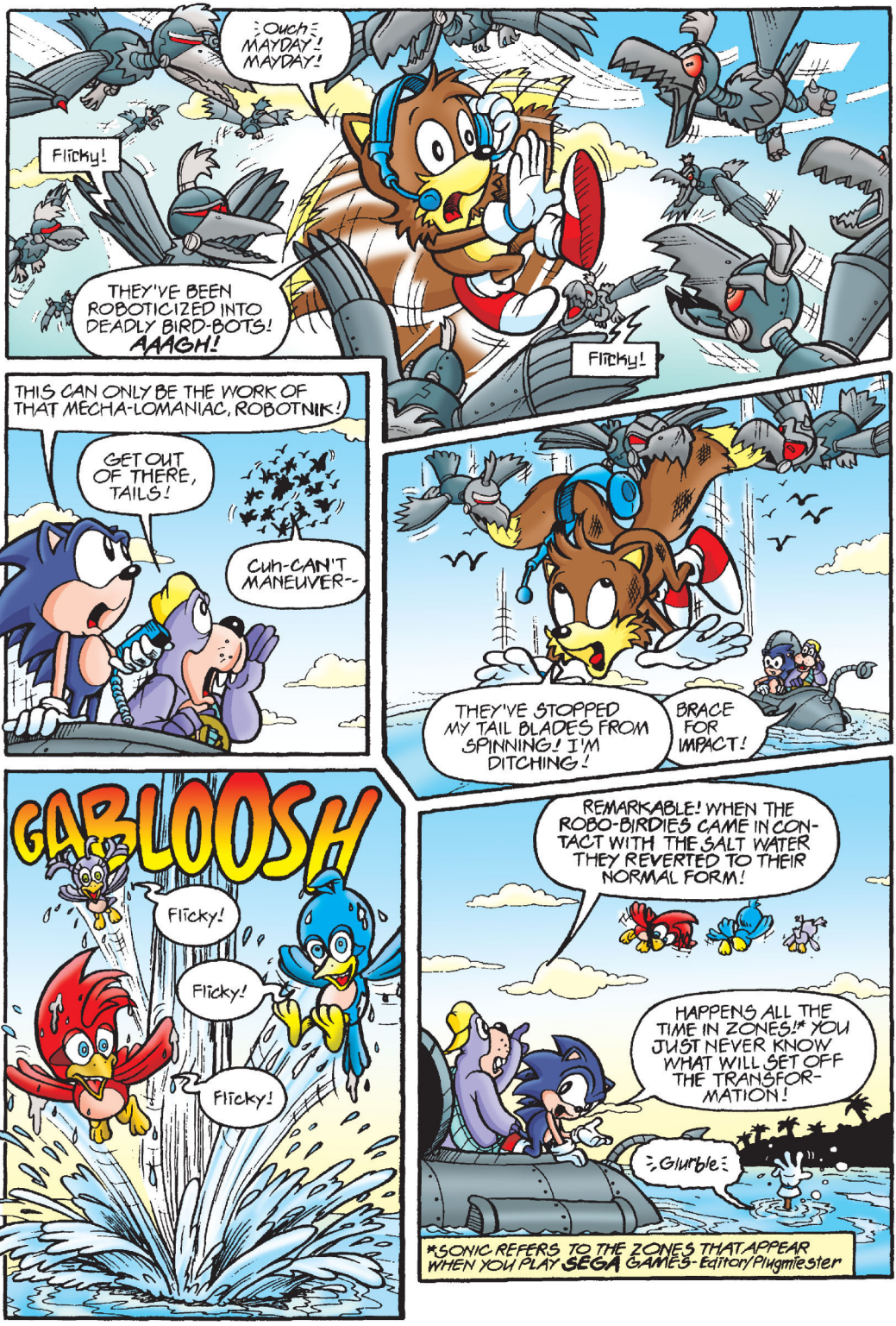
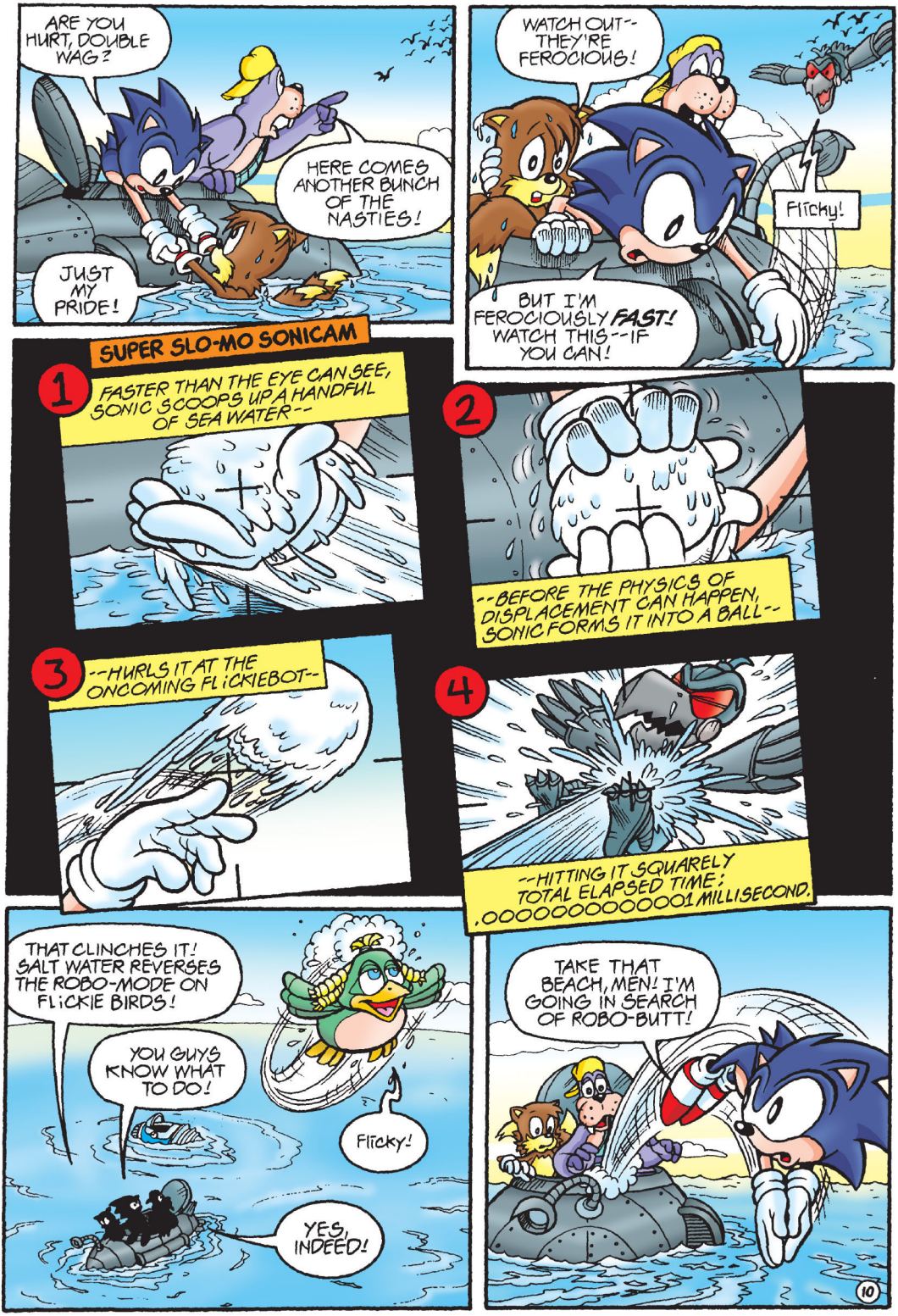

:Ouch: MAYDAY! MAYDAY!
Flicky!
THEY'VE BEEN ROBOTICIZED INTO DEADLY BIRD-BOTS! AAAGH!
Flicky!
THIS CAN ONLY BE THE WORK OF THAT MECHA-LOMANIAC, ROBOTNIK!
GET OUT OF THERE, TAILS!
CUH-CAN'T MANEUVER--
THEY'VE STOPPED MY TAIL BLADES FROM SPINNING! I'M DITCHING!
BRACE FOR IMPACT!
GABLOOSH
Flicky!
Flicky!
Flicky!
REMARKABLE! WHEN THE ROBO-BIRDIES CAME IN CONTACT WITH THE SALT WATER THEY REVERTED TO THEIR NORMAL FORM!
HAPPENS ALL THE TIME IN ZONES!* YOU JUST NEVER KNOW WHAT WILL SET OFF THE TRANSFORMATION!
:Glurble:
*SONIC REFERS TO THE ZONES THAT APPEAR WHEN YOU PLAY SEGA GAMES-Editor/Plugmiester


ARE YOU HURT, DOUBLE WAG?
HERE COMES ANOTHER BUNCH OF THE NASTIES!
JUST MY PRIDE!
WATCH OUT-- THEY'RE FEROCIOUS!
Flicky!
BUT I'M FEROCIOUSLY FAST! WATCH THIS--IF YOU CAN!
SUPER SLO-MO SONICAM
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FASTER THAN THE EYE CAN SEE, SONIC SCOOPS UP A HANDFUL OF SEA WATER--
2
--BEFORE THE PHYSICS OF DISPLACEMENT CAN HAPPEN, SONIC FORMS IT INTO A BALL--
3
--HURLS IT AT THE ONCOMING FLICKIEBOT--
4
--HITTING IT SQUARELY TOTAL ELAPSED TIME: .0000000000001 MILLISECOND.
THAT CLINCHES IT! SALT WATER REVERSES THE ROBO-MODE ON FLICKIE BIRDS!
YOU GUYS KNOW WHAT TO DO!
Flicky!
YES, INDEED!
TAKE THAT BEACH, MEN! I'M GOING IN SEARCH OF ROBO-BUTT!
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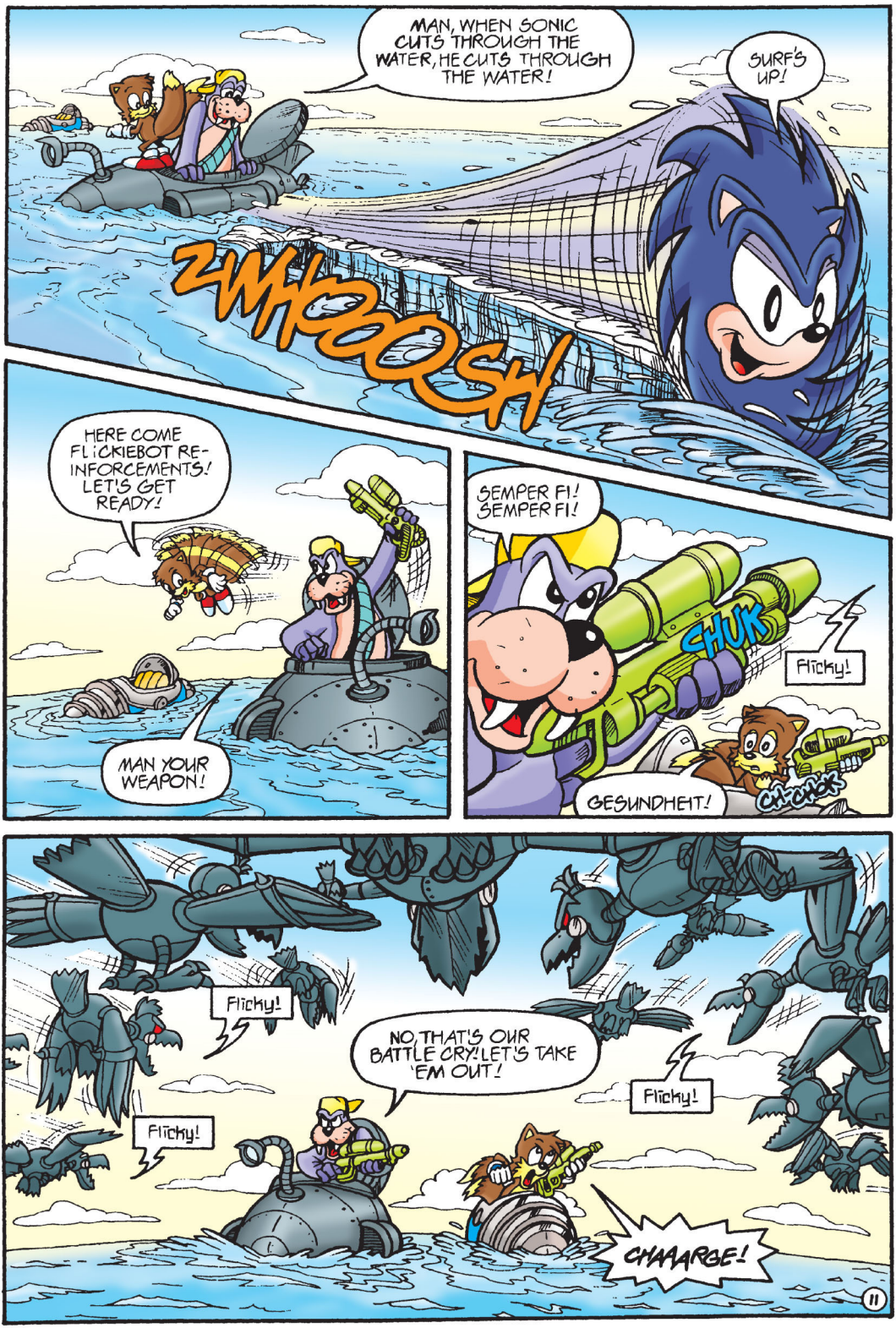
MAN, WHEN SONIC CUTS THROUGH THE WATER, HE CUTS THROUGH THE WATER!
SURF'S UP!
ZWHOOSH
HERE COME FLICKIEBOT REINFORCEMENTS! LET'S GET READY!
MAN YOUR WEAPON!
SEMPER FI! SEMPER FI!
CHUK
Flicky!
GESUNDHEIT!
CH-CHCK
Flicky!
Flicky!
NO, THAT'S OUR BATTLE CRY! LET'S TAKE 'EM OUT!
Flicky!
CHAAARGE!
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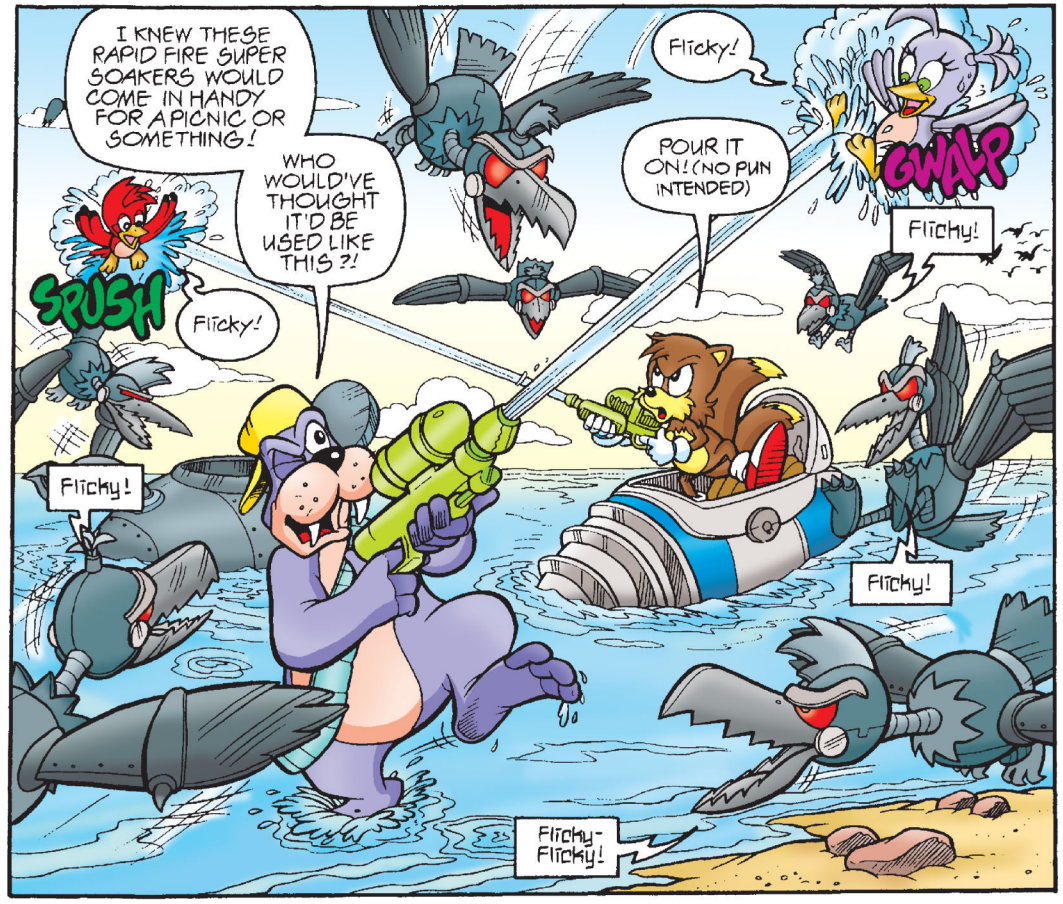
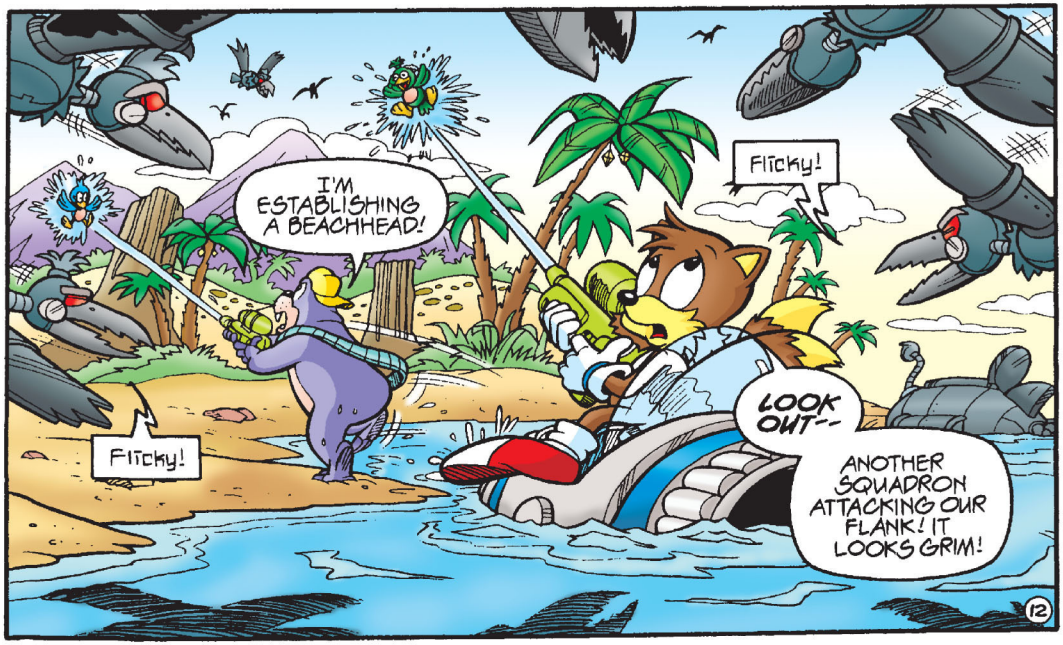
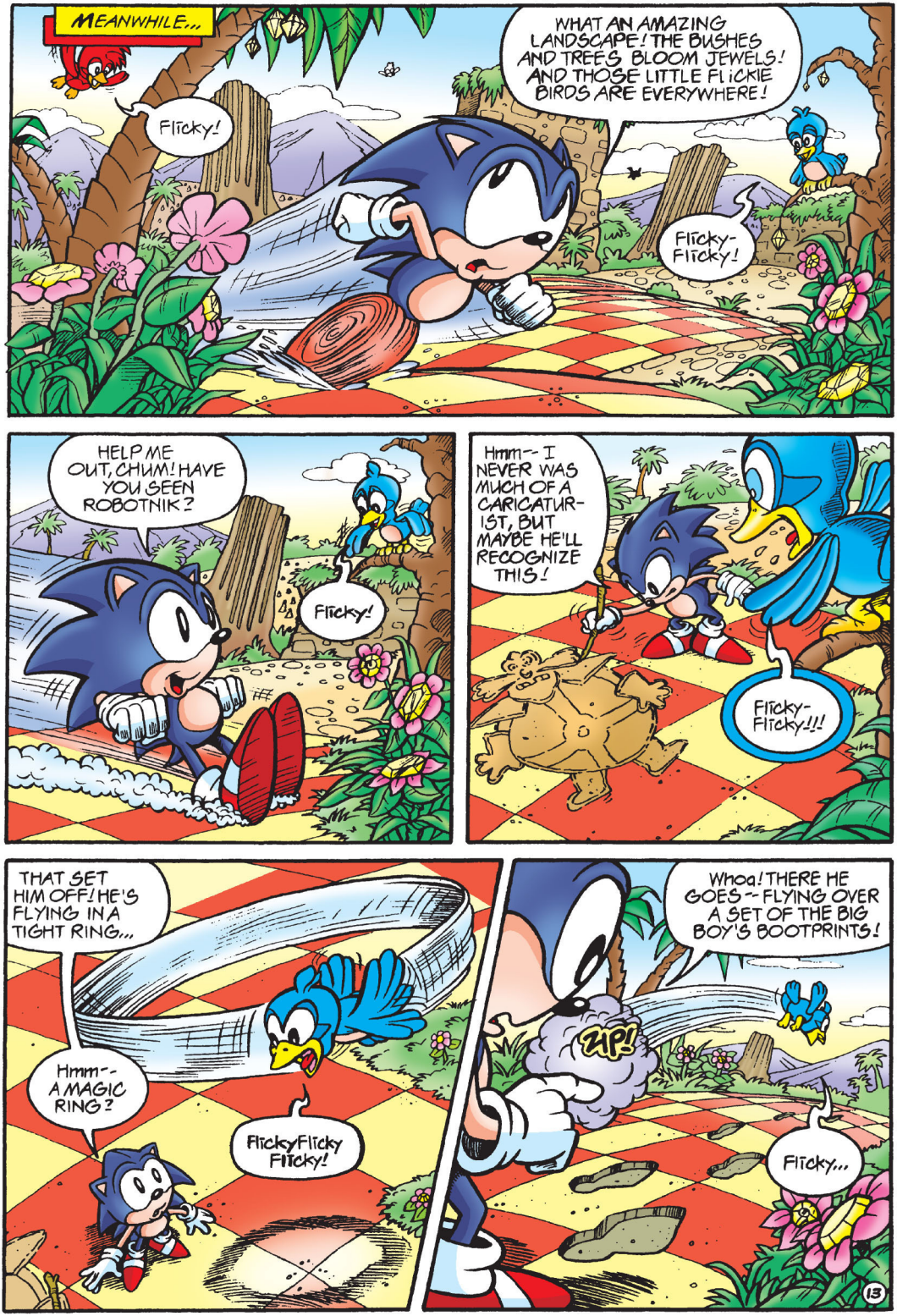

I KNEW THESE RAPID FIRE SUPER SOAKERS WOULD COME IN HANDY FOR A PICNIC OR SOMETHING!
WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT IT'D BE USED LIKE THIS?!
SPUSH
Flicky!
Flicky!
Flicky!
POUR IT ON! (NO PUN INTENDED)
GWALP
Flicky!
Flicky!
Flicky-Flicky!


I'M ESTABLISHING A BEACHHEAD!
Flicky!
Flicky!
LOOK OUT--
ANOTHER SQUADRON ATTACKING OUR FLANK! IT LOOKS GRIM!


MEANWHILE...
Flicky!
WHAT AN AMAZING LANDSCAPE! THE BUSHES AND TREES BLOOM JEWELS! AND THOSE LITTLE FLICKIE BIRDS ARE EVERYWHERE!
Flicky-Flicky!
HELP ME OUT, CHUM! HAVE YOU SEEN ROBOTNIK?
Flicky!
Hmm-- I NEVER WAS MUCH OF A CARICATURIST, BUT MAYBE HE'LL RECOGNIZE THIS!
Flicky-Flicky!!!
THAT SET HIM OFF! HE'S FLYING IN A TIGHT RING...
Hmm-- A MAGIC RING?
FlickyFlicky Flicky!
Whoa! THERE HE GOES-- FLYING OVER A SET OF THE BIG BOY'S BOOTPRINTS!
ZIP!
Flicky...
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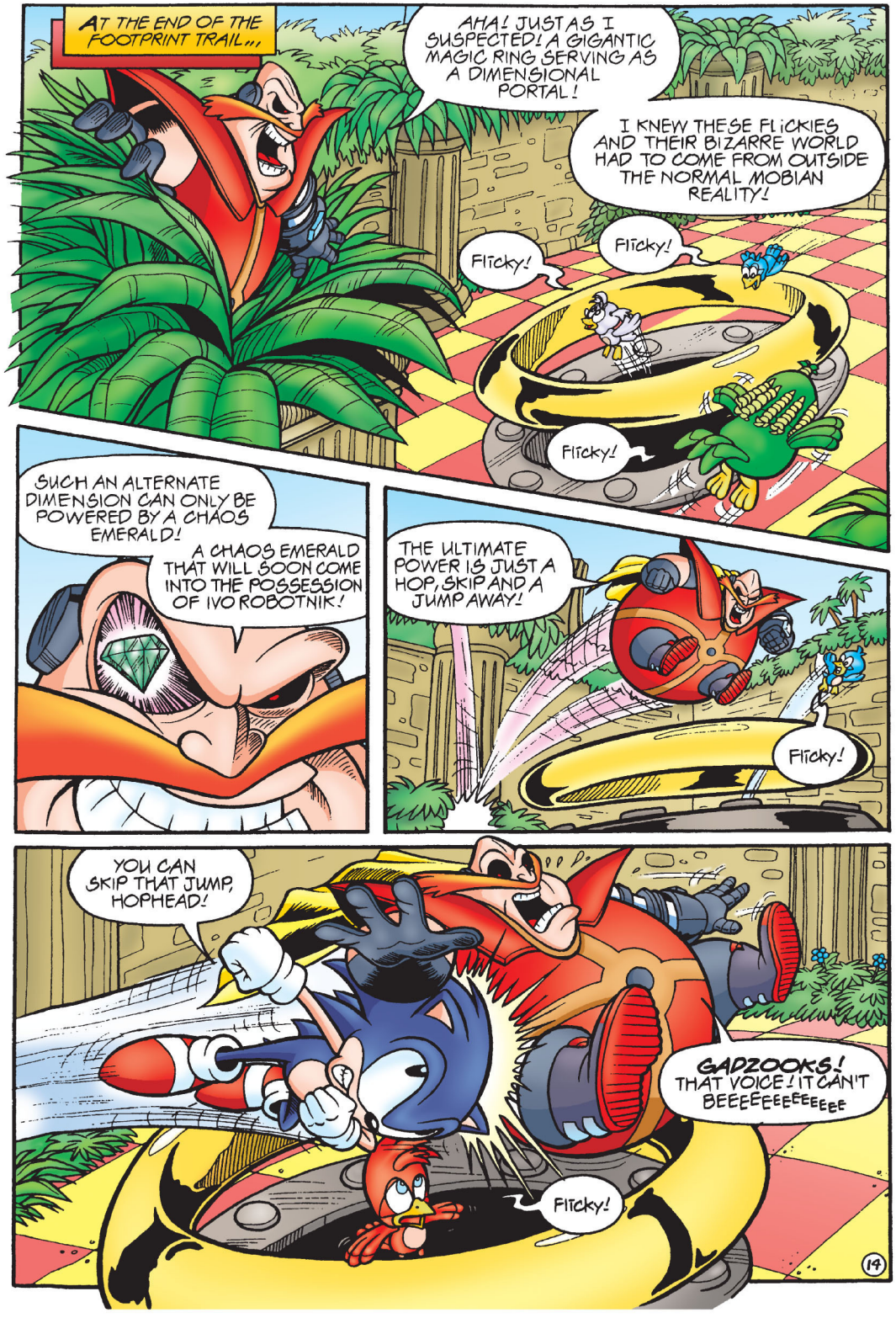
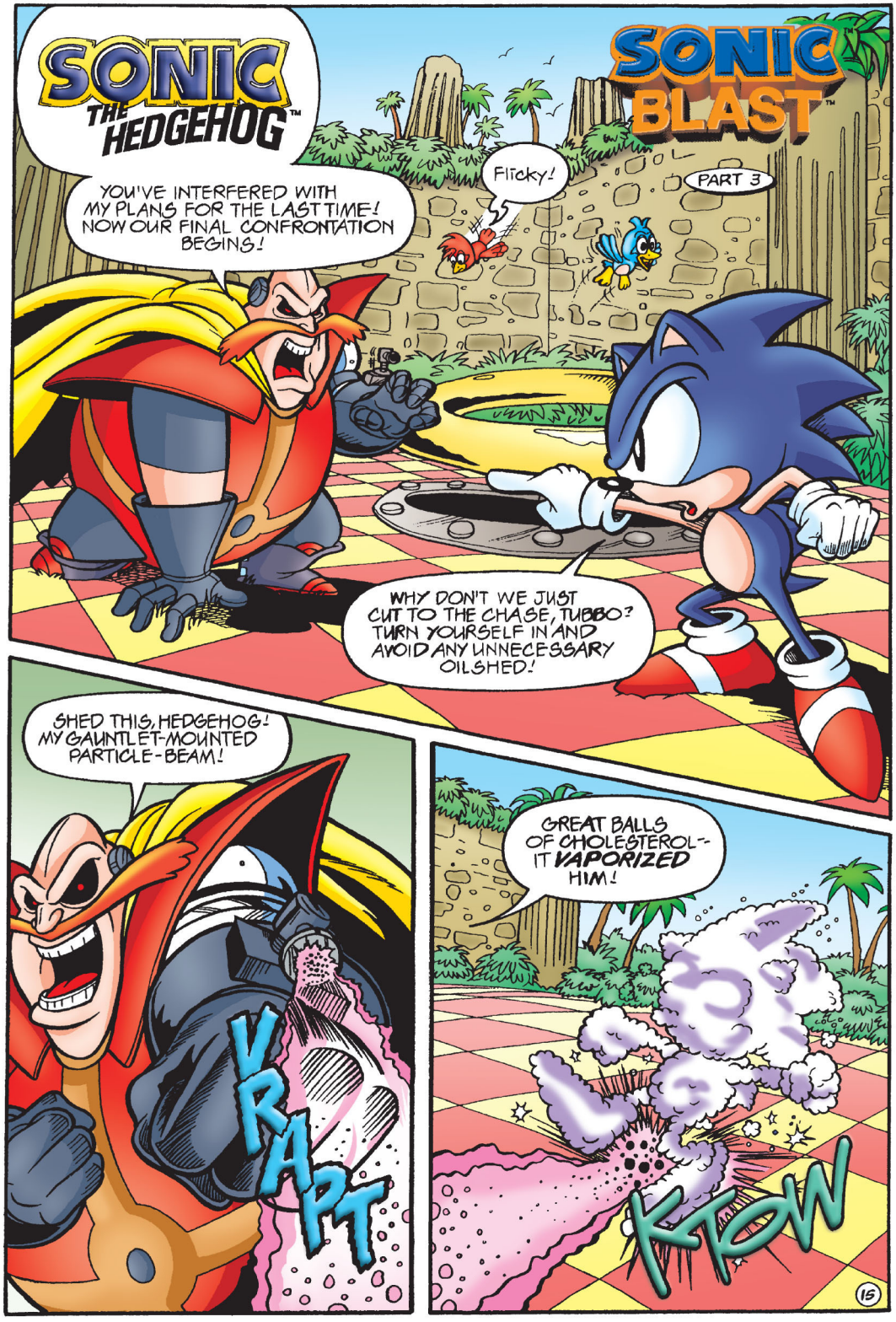

AT THE END OF THE FOOTPRINT TRAIL...
AHA! JUST AS I SUSPECTED! A GIGANTIC MAGIC RING SERVING AS A DIMENSIONAL PORTAL!
I KNEW THESE FLICKIES AND THEIR BIZARRE WORLD HAD TO COME FROM OUTSIDE THE NORMAL MOBIAN REALITY!
Flicky!
Flicky!
Flicky!
SUCH AN ALTERNATE DIMENSION CAN ONLY BE POWERED BY A CHAOS EMERALD!
A CHAOS EMERALD THAT WILL SOON COME INTO THE POSSESSION OF IVO ROBOTNIK!
THE ULTIMATE POWER IS JUST A HOP, SKIP AND A JUMP AWAY!
Flicky!
YOU CAN SKIP THAT JUMP, HOPHEAD!
GADZOOKS! THAT VOICE! IT CAN'T BEEEEEEEEEEEE
Flicky!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PART 3
YOU'VE INTERFERED WITH MY PLANS FOR THE LAST TIME! NOW OUR FINAL CONFRONTATION BEGINS!
Flicky!
WHY DON'T WE JUST CUT TO THE CHASE, TUBBO? TURN YOURSELF IN AND AVOID ANY UNNECESSARY OILSHED!
SHED THIS, HEDGEHOG! MY GAUNTLET-MOUNTED PARTICLE-BEAM!
KRAPT
GREAT BALLS OF CHOLESTEROL- IT VAPORIZED HIM!
KTOW
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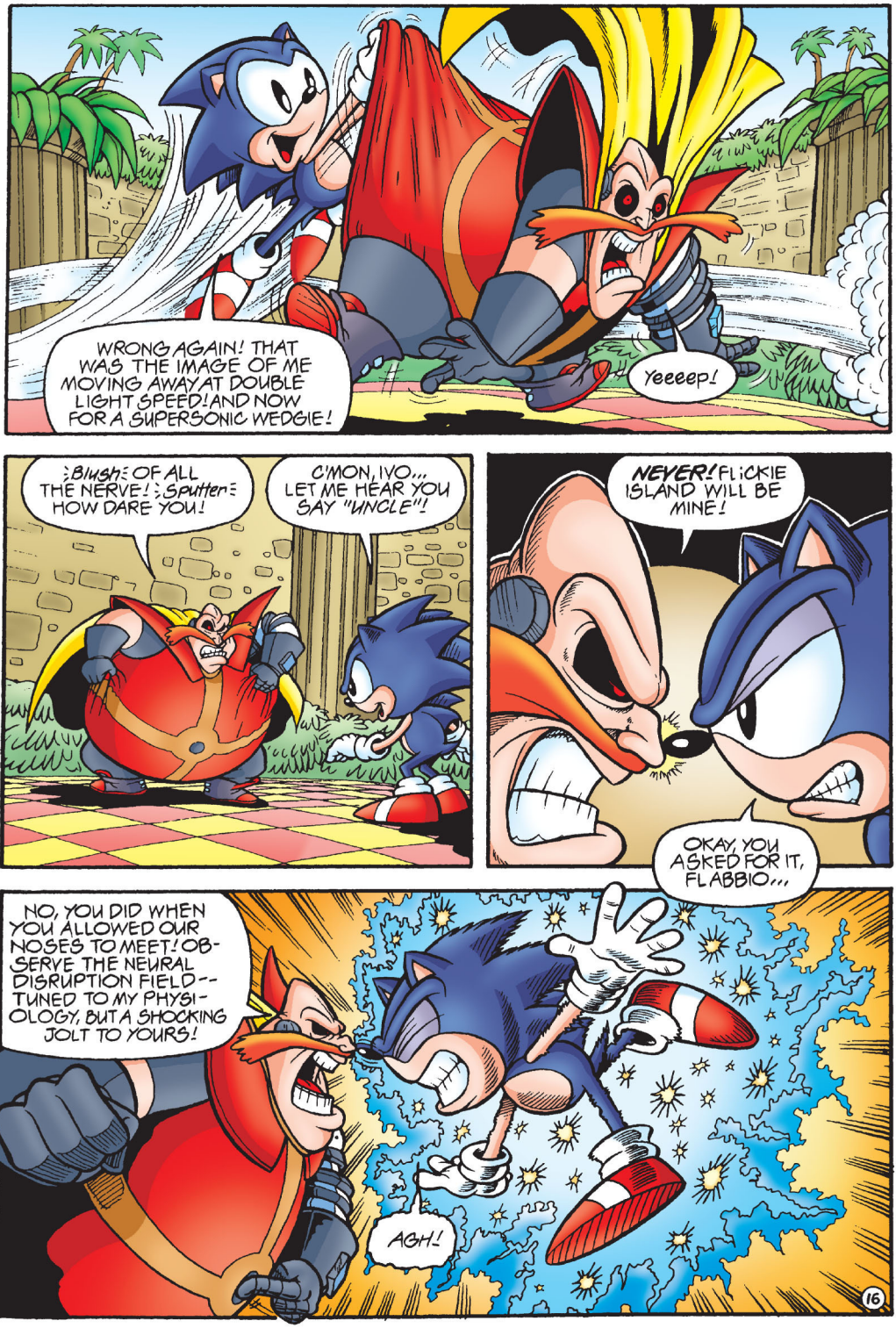
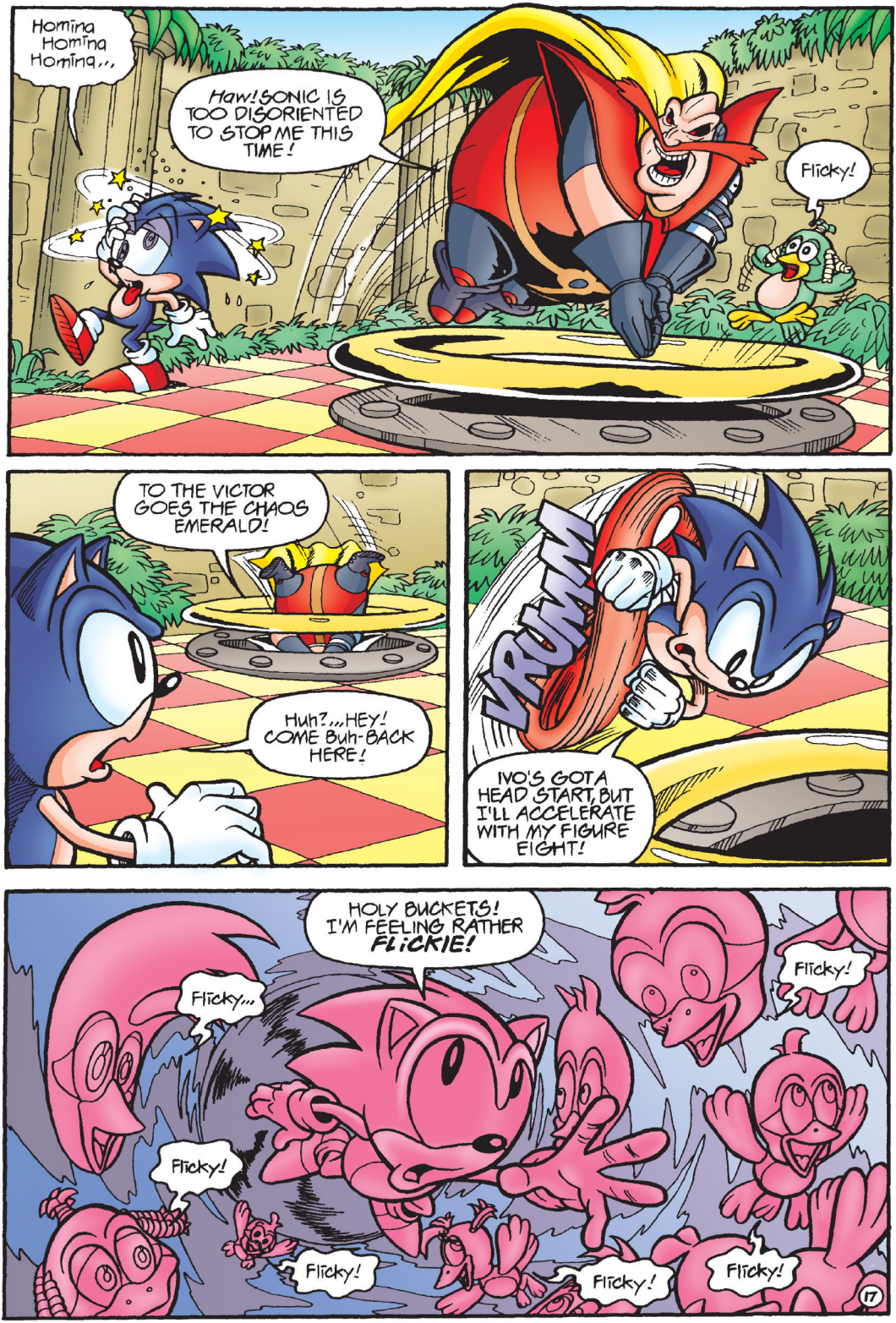

WRONG AGAIN! THAT WAS THE IMAGE OF ME MOVING AWAY AT DOUBLE LIGHT SPEED! AND NOW FOR A SUPERSONIC WEDGIE!
Yeeeep!
:Blush: OF ALL THE NERVE! :Sputter: HOW DARE YOU!
C'MON, IVO... LET ME HEAR YOU SAY "UNCLE"!
NEVER! FLICKIE ISLAND WILL BE MINE!
OKAY, YOU ASKED FOR IT, FLABBIO...
NO, YOU DID WHEN YOU ALLOWED OUR NOSES TO MEET! OBSERVE THE NEURAL DISRUPTION FIELD-- TUNED TO MY PHYSIOLOGY, BUT A SHOCKING JOLT TO YOURS!
AGH!


Homing Homing Homing...
Haw! SONIC IS TOO DISORIENTED TO STOP ME THIS TIME!
Flicky!
TO THE VICTOR GOES THE CHAOS EMERALD!
Huh?...HEY! COME BUH-BACK HERE!
VRUMM
IVO'S GOT A HEAD START, BUT I'LL ACCELERATE WITH MY FIGURE EIGHT!
HOLY BUCKETS! I'M FEELING RATHER FLICKIE!
Flicky...
Flicky!
Flicky!
Flicky!
Flicky!
Flicky!
Flicky!
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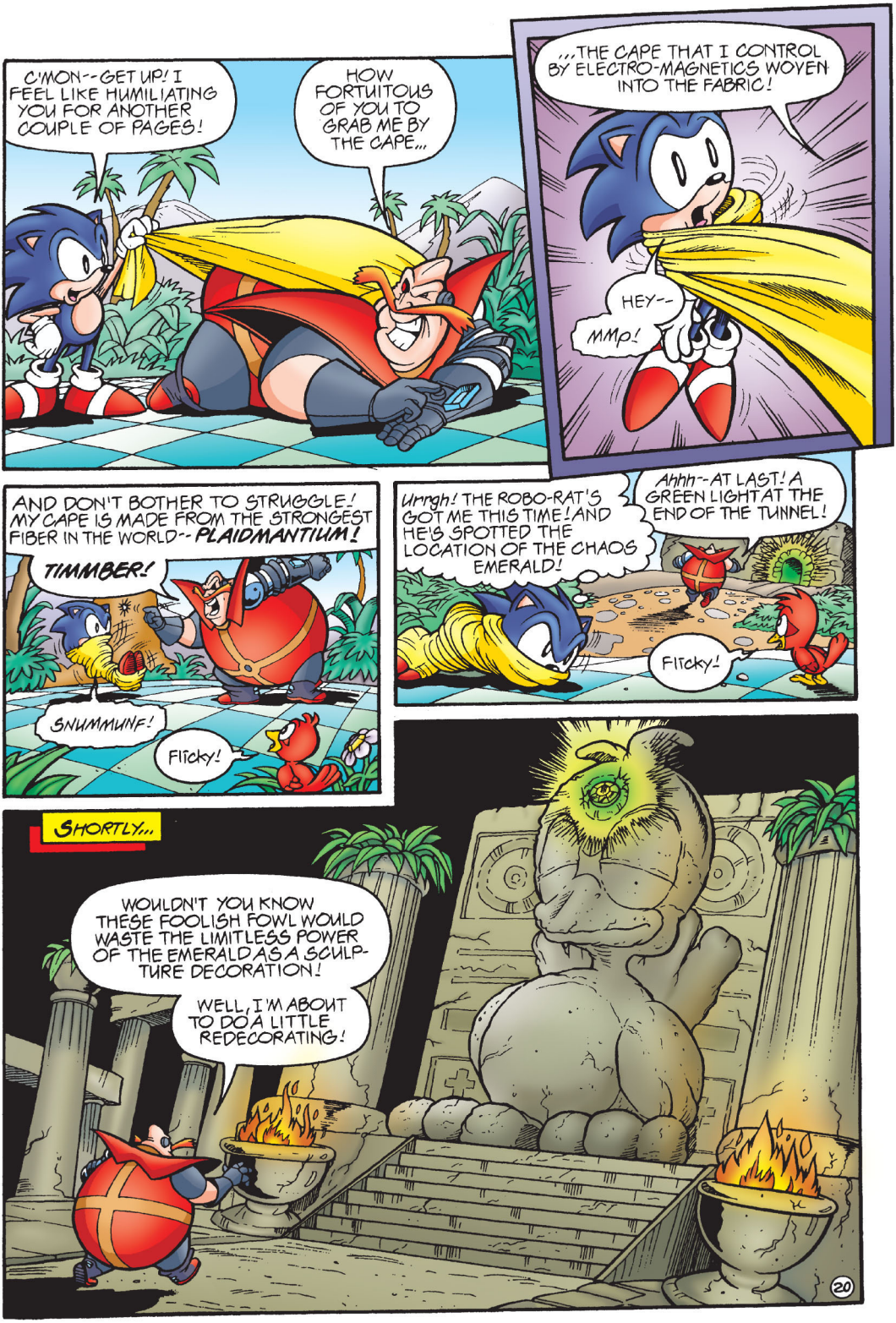
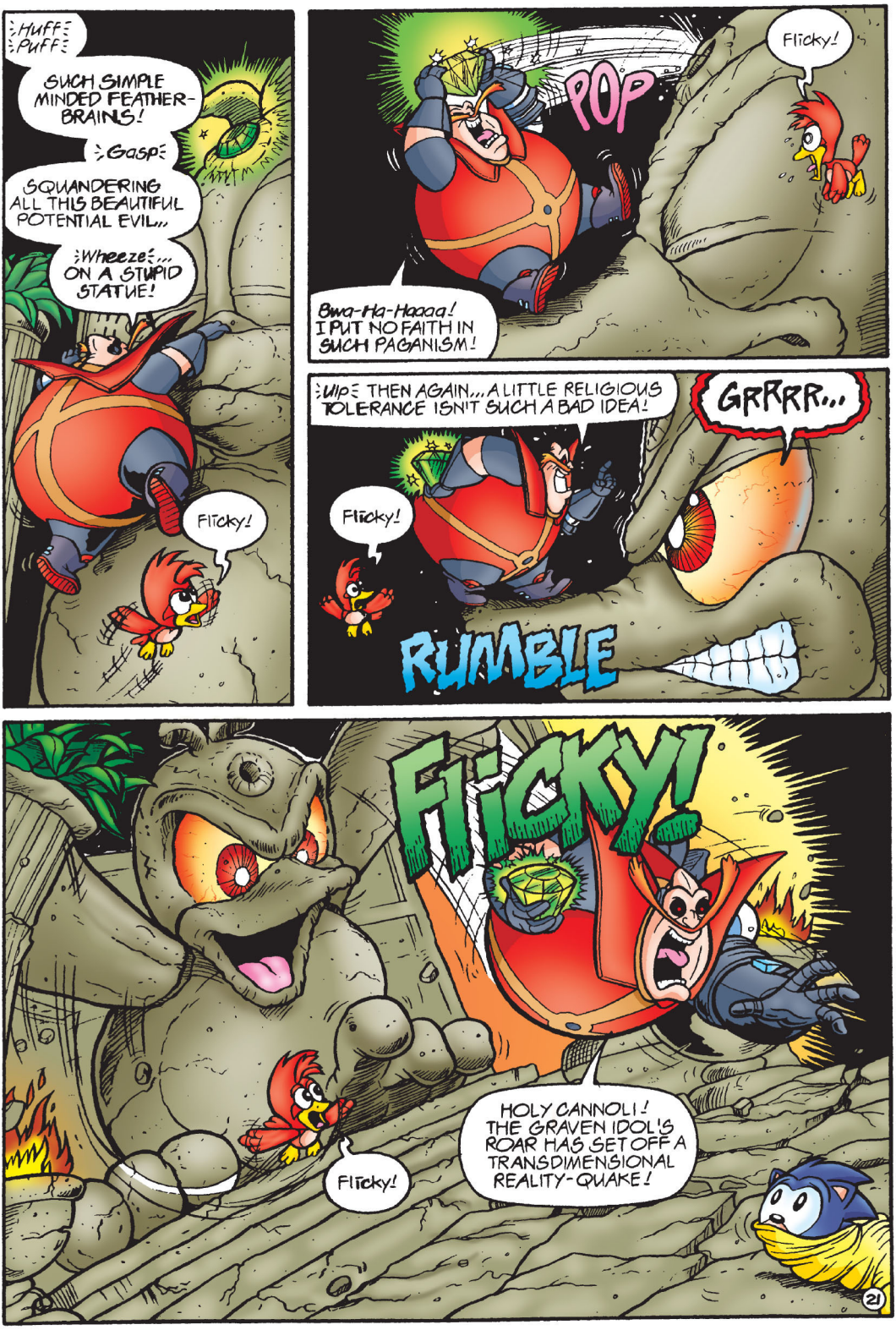
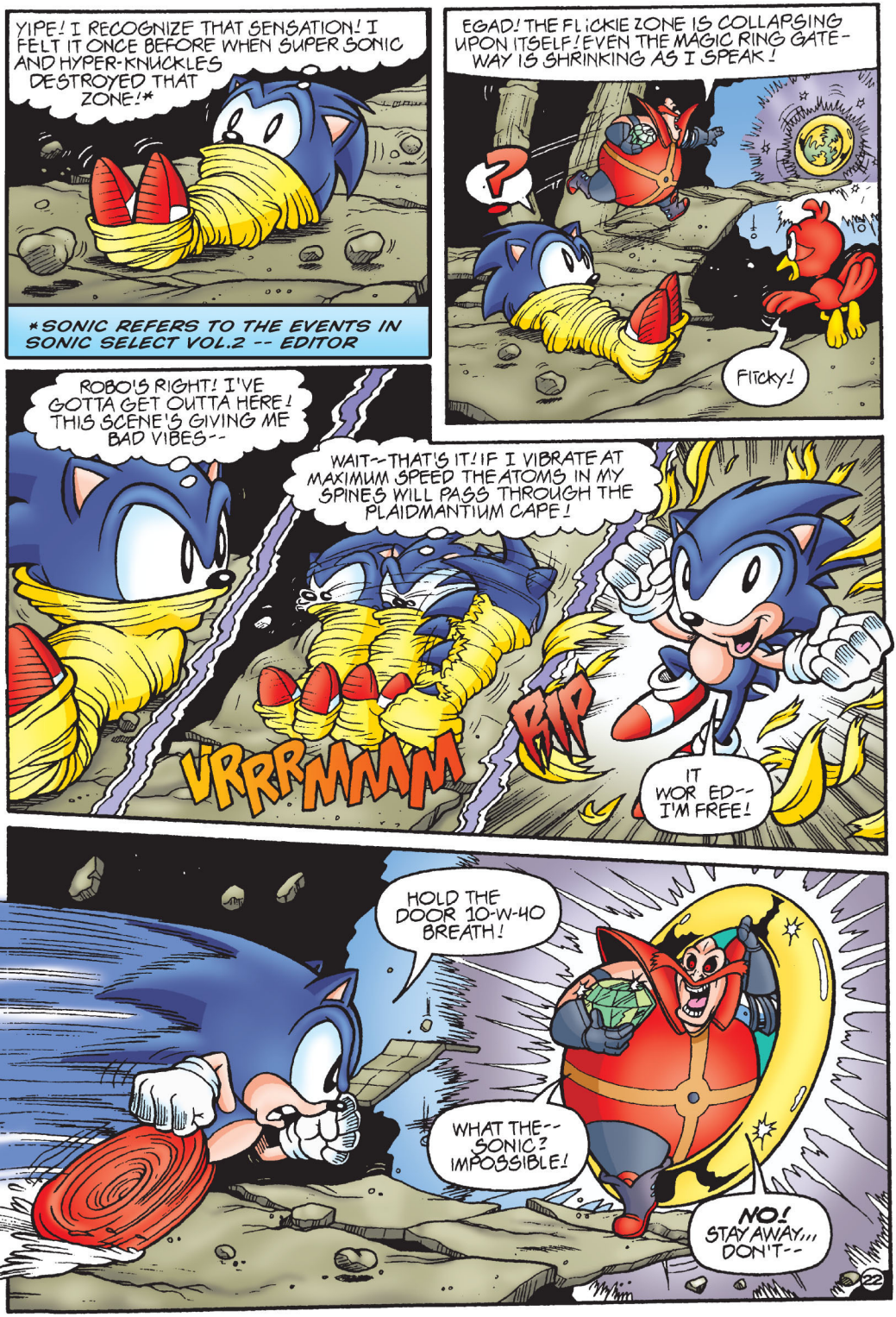
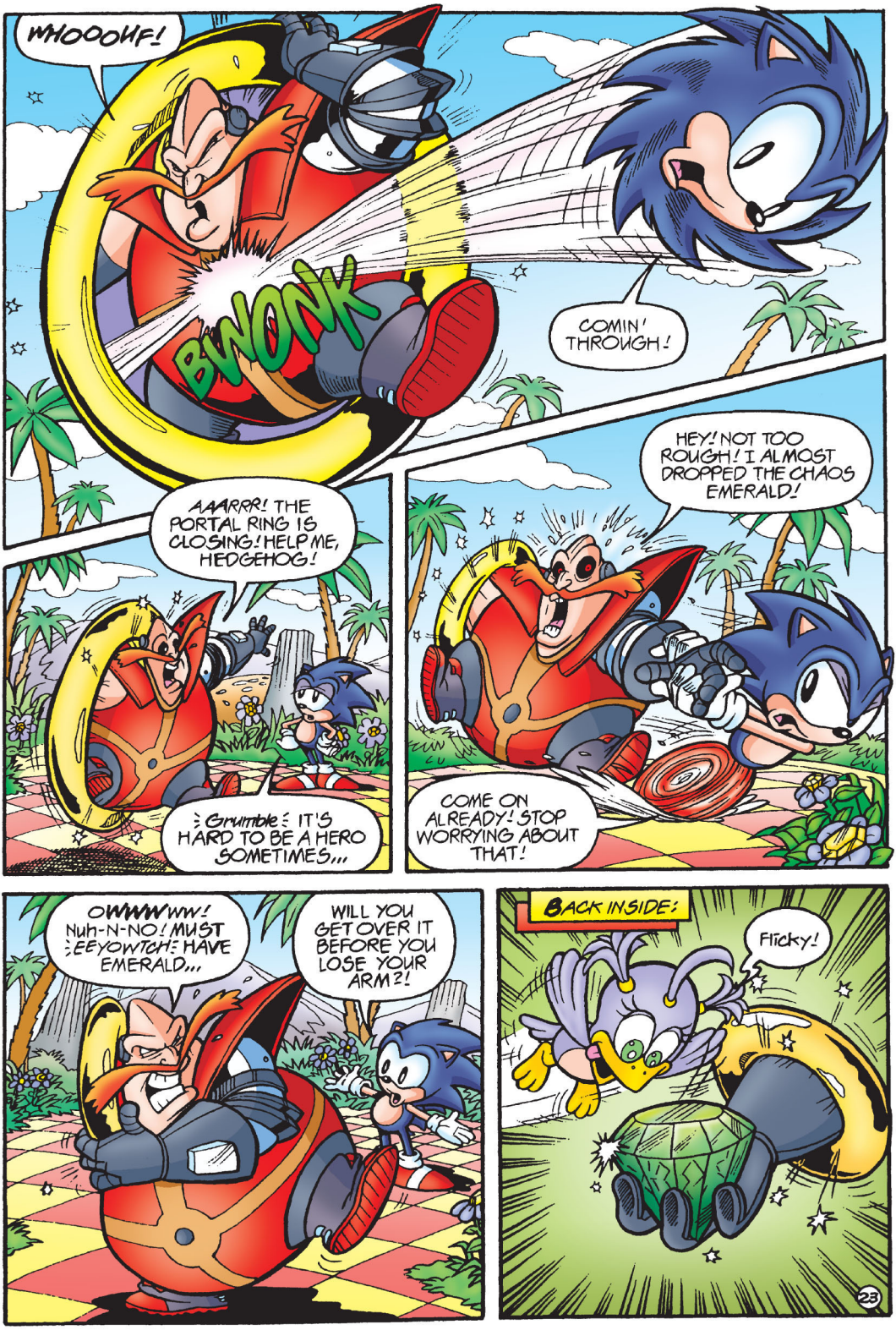
SPECIAL BONUS PIN-UP!
SONIC VS ROBOTNIK
IN THE FLICKIE ZONE!
HAW! SONIC WAS ILL-PREPARED FOR ME TO AMBUSH HIM IN MY NEW AND IMPROVED TECHNO BODYSHELL BATTLESUIT!
Flicky!
THAT'S A NASTY EXO-SKELETON HE'S GOT...
OW!
Flicky!
...BETTER START JUICIN'!
HANG A LOUIE...
BRAMM
...GAVE ME...
...ENOUGH EXTRA POWER TO CRACK THIS ROBOHUSK!
NOOO!
...THAT HIDDEN SPIN-WHEEL...
ABANDON SHIP!
STAND BACK, BIRDS!
Flicky!
MISSED ME BY 5,280 FEET!
THE KIND OF HELP...
YEE-HAW!
ZING
ALL KIDDING ASIDE, I NEED HELP DEALING WITH OLD IRONSIDES!
Oh, NO... Choke IS THIS THE END OF RICO-- Err... I MEAN ROBO?


C'MON--GET UP! I FEEL LIKE HUMILIATING YOU FOR ANOTHER COUPLE OF PAGES!
HOW FORTUITOUS OF YOU TO GRAB ME BY THE CAPE...
...THE CAPE THAT I CONTROL BY ELECTRO-MAGNETICS WOVEN INTO THE FABRIC!
HEY--
MMp!
AND DON'T BOTHER TO STRUGGLE! MY CAPE IS MADE FROM THE STRONGEST FIBER IN THE WORLD-- PLAIDMANTIUM!
TIMMBER!
SNUMMUNF!
Flicky!
Urrgh! THE ROBO-RAT'S GOT ME THIS TIME! AND HE'S SPOTTED THE LOCATION OF THE CHAOS EMERALD!
Ahhh--AT LAST! A GREEN LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL!
Flicky!
SHORTLY...
WOULDN'T YOU KNOW THESE FOOLISH FOWL WOULD WASTE THE LIMITLESS POWER OF THE EMERALD AS A SCULPTURE DECORATION!
WELL, I'M ABOUT TO DO A LITTLE REDECORATING!


:Huff: :Puff:
SUCH SIMPLE MINDED FEATHER-BRAINS!
:Gasp:
SQUANDERING ALL THIS BEAUTIFUL POTENTIAL EVIL...
:Wheeze:... ON A STUPID STATUE!
Flicky!
POP
Flicky!
Bwa-Ha-Haaaa! I PUT NO FAITH IN SUCH PAGANISM!
:Uip: THEN AGAIN... A LITTLE RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE ISN'T SUCH A BAD IDEA!
GRRRR...
Flicky!
RUMBLE
Flicky!
HOLY CANNOLI! THE GRAVEN IDOL'S ROAR HAS SET OFF A TRANSDIMENSIONAL REALITY-QUAKE!


YIPE! I RECOGNIZE THAT SENSATION! I FELT IT ONCE BEFORE WHEN SUPER SONIC AND HYPER-KNUCKLES DESTROYED THAT ZONE!*
*SONIC REFERS TO THE EVENTS IN SONIC SELECT VOL.2 -- EDITOR
EGAD! THE FLICKIE ZONE IS COLLAPSING UPON ITSELF! EVEN THE MAGIC RING GATE-WAY IS SHRINKING AS I SPEAK!
?
!
FLICKY!
ROBO'S RIGHT! I'VE GOTTA GET OUTTA HERE! THIS SCENE'S GIVING ME BAD VIBES--
WAIT--THAT'S IT! IF I VIBRATE AT MAXIMUM SPEED THE ATOMS IN MY SPINES WILL PASS THROUGH THE PLAIDMANTIUM CAPE!
VRRRMMMM
RIP
IT WOR ED-- I'M FREE!
HOLD THE DOOR 10-W-HO BREATH!
WHAT THE-- SONIC? IMPOSSIBLE!
NO! STAY AWAY... DON'T--


WHOOOHF!
BWONK
COMIN' THROUGH!
AAARRR! THE PORTAL RING IS CLOSING! HELP ME, HEDGEHOG!
:Grumble: IT'S HARD TO BE A HERO SOMETIMES...
HEY! NOT TOO ROUGH! I ALMOST DROPPED THE CHAOS EMERALD!
COME ON ALREADY! STOP WORRYING ABOUT THAT!
OWWWWW! Nuh-N-NO! MUST :EEYOWTCH: HAVE EMERALD...
WILL YOU GET OVER IT BEFORE YOU LOSE YOUR ARM?!
BACK INSIDE:
Flicky!
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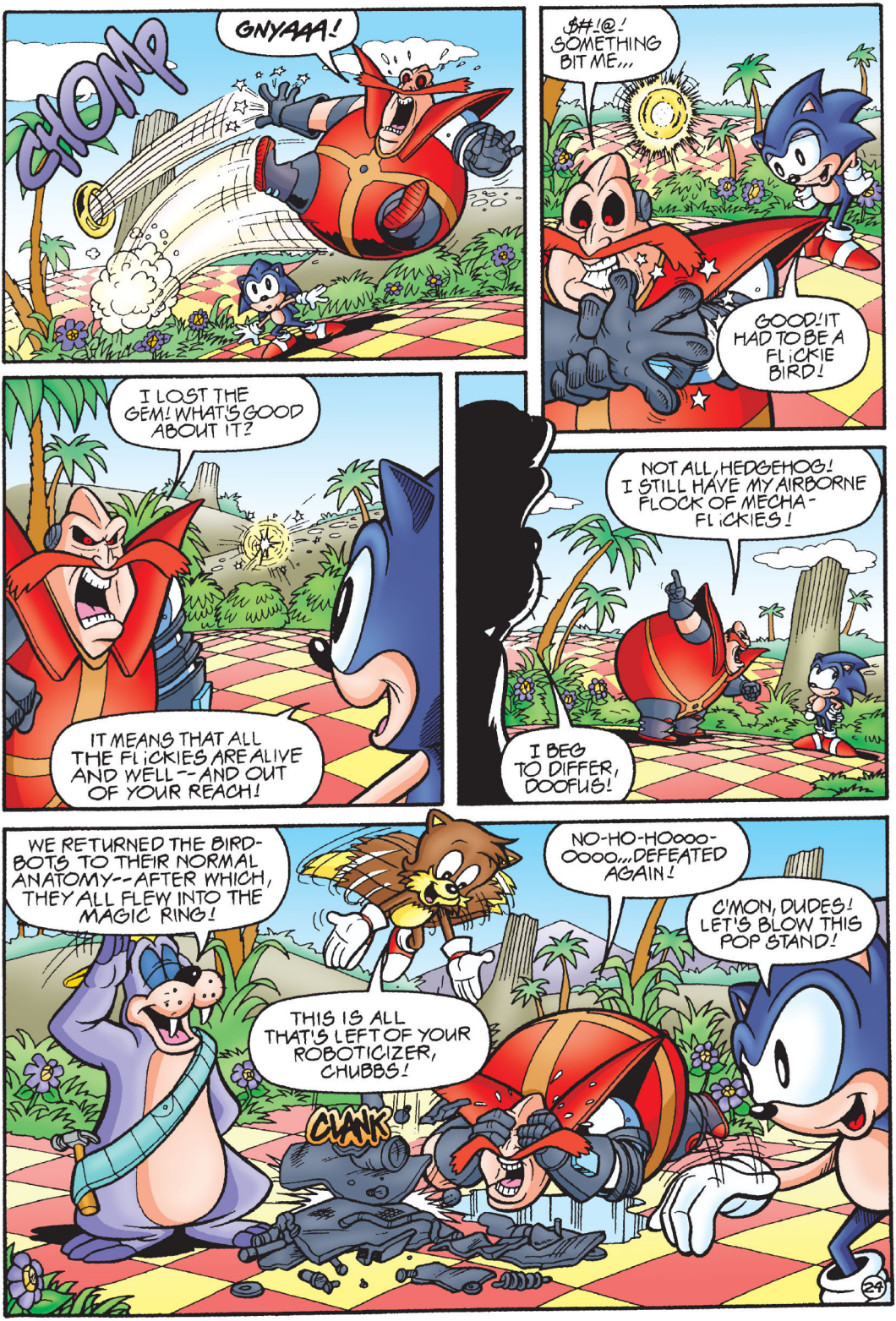
GNYAAA!
CHOMP
$#!@! SOMETHING BIT ME...
GOOD! IT HAD TO BE A FLICKIE BIRD!
I LOST THE GEM! WHAT'S GOOD ABOUT IT?
IT MEANS THAT ALL THE FLICKIES ARE ALIVE AND WELL--AND OUT OF YOUR REACH!
NOT ALL, HEDGEHOG! I STILL HAVE MY AIRBORNE FLOCK OF MECHA-FLICKIES!
I BEG TO DIFFER, DOOFUS!
WE RETURNED THE BIRD-BOTS TO THEIR NORMAL ANATOMY--AFTER WHICH, THEY ALL FLEW INTO THE MAGIC RING!
THIS IS ALL THAT'S LEFT OF YOUR ROBOTICIZER, CHUBBS!
CLANK
NO-HO-HOOOO-OOOO... DEFEATED AGAIN!
C'MON, DUDES! LET'S BLOW THIS POP STAND!
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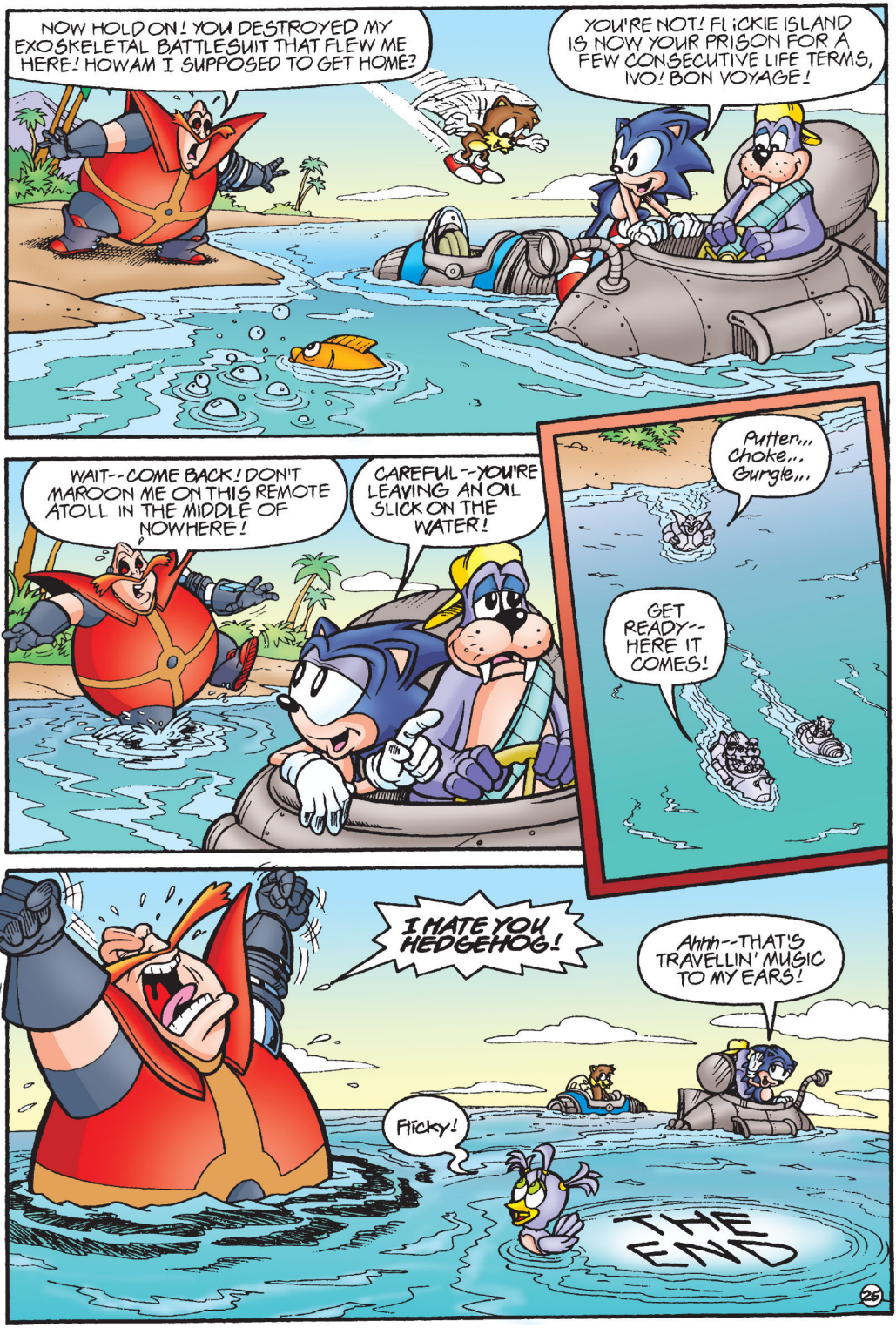
NOW HOLD ON! YOU DESTROYED MY EXOSKELETAL BATTLESUIT THAT FLEW ME HERE! HOWAM I SUPPOSED TO GET HOME?
YOU'RE NOT! FLICKIE ISLAND IS NOW YOUR PRISON FOR A FEW CONSECUTIVE LIFE TERMS, IVO! BON VOYAGE!
WAIT--COME BACK! DON'T MAROON ME ON THIS REMOTE ATOLL IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE!
CAREFUL--YOU'RE LEAVING AN OIL SLICK ON THE WATER!
Putter,,, choke,,, Gurgle,,,
GET READY--HERE IT COMES!
I HATE YOU HEDGEHOG!
Ahhh--THAT'S TRAVELLIN' MUSIC TO MY EARS!
Flicky!
THE END